

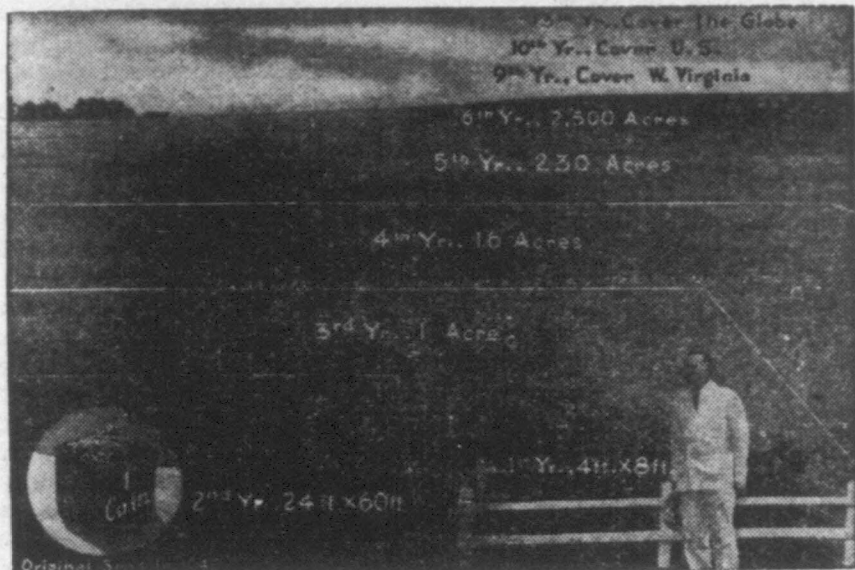
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Perry Hayden, Tecumseh, Mich. Quaker miller, standing in front of the first little plat of wheat grown from the cubic inch of grain shown in the insert, with the huge increase in the background. A 10% tithe for the church was deducted each year, and the entire balance replanted. The average annual increase of the "Tithed Wheat" far exceeded the state average of Michigan.

1 Cubic Inch Of 'Biblical Wheat' Grows To 2,500 Acres In 6 Years ---Would Cover Globe In 13 Years

Inspired by a sermon in his local Quaker church in 1940 Perry Hayden, a Quaker miller of Tecumseh, Mich., set out to illustrate some of the Bible lessons on "Tithing", "Re-birth" and "Returns on what we sow."

Hayden started with a cubic inch of wheat, which he planted in the

above patch of 4 ft. by 8 ft. . . A year later, he harvested the patch; deducted 10% of the crop as a tithe to the church, and planted the balance again the following year . . . The second, third and fourth years he again deducted the tithe and replanted the entire balance of each

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BSU SPEAKER



DR. C. C. WARREN

Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will speak twice at each of the two Sunday School Conventions, at the Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, April 23-24, and in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, April 25-26. Dr. Warren has done an outstanding work as pastor in different places, and is a great believer in an aggressive and far-reaching Sunday School program. Many of our people will delight to hear him in these Conventions.



REV. CARL BATES

Rev. Carl Bates, Mississippian, pastor and youth leader of Leesburg, Fla., will speak twice at the State BSU Spring Retreat to be held at East Central Junior College, Decatur, April 26-27. Rev. Bates is well remembered in Mississippi as having preached and led the singing in several youth revivals which are still being discussed as great spiritual successes.

JACKSON WOMAN ELECTED W. M. U. PRESIDENT

Registration 1,287—May 27 Set For Camp Offerings

By ELIZABETH DRAUGHON
Baptist Record Staff Writer

Mrs. Wilma Bobo Sledge of Calvary Church, Jackson, was elected President of the State Woman's Missionary Union, succeeding Mrs. Webb Brame of Yazoo City, at the closing session of the first post-war convention, which met in First Church, Jackson, April 2-4. The theme of the Convention was I Corinthians 15:58 "Be Ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Total registration for Convention numbered 1,287 with representatives from all eight districts of the state. A proposal to raise \$50,000 to add to the \$44,000 already in hand for "This Camp We Build" was over-subscribed as leaders volunteered quotas for their constituents totaling \$67,000. Mrs. J. A. Anderson of Belzoni, chairman of the Camp Committee presented Miss Edwina Robinson, who first dreamed of the camp, which will soon become a reality. Young people from the auxiliaries of Jackson built the camp in miniature before the large group of delegates and visitors. Plans are for offerings to be taken on May 27 so that the basic buildings may be ready for summer camps in 1946. Forty acres near Clinton were given by Mississippi College for the camp site. Miss Nell Taylor, who has assisted in camps in previous summers, and who assumes her duties as Young People's Secretary, following her graduation from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky., on May first, was presented to the Convention.

The devotionals throughout the Convention, under the direction of Mrs. James H. Street, featured special music at the beginning and close of each service by the five Harpole sisters and Miss Hazel Chisolm, organist. "Along the Way of Missionary Education", a pageant written and directed



MRS. WILMA B. SLEDGE

by Miss Edwina Robinson, and using 338 young people was the feature of the Wednesday evening session. Young people in colorful costumes and carrying flags and banners, representing the nations of the world, several of whom were from the Chinese mission at Greenville and from Farish Street Baptist church (colored), Jackson.

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Washington Review Concern Grows Over Anti-Russian Feeling

By LARSTON D. FARRAR

Religious News Service Correspondent
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The most significant developments in the nation's capital seem right now to be bound up with the almost-hysterical wave of anti-Russian feeling sweeping the nation.

Church leaders here, as elsewhere, fear that present conditions bode no good for our international relations. None of them likes to be quoted on the subject because millions of Americans already are so confused by

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DR. HEWITT MAKES VALUABLE GIFT TO NEGRO SEMINARY

President Herbert L. Lang of the Mississippi Union Theological Seminary for the training of leadership for the Negro churches, has made the following statement from his temporary office headquarters in the Paris Cleaners Building, located at Farish and Monument in Jackson:

"Dr. Hewitt, pastor emeritus of First Baptist church, Jackson, has contributed most of the furnishings of his study for the fitting up of the office at the Mississippi Seminary for training Negro leaders. A large per-

centage of his books and most of the bookcases have been given also to start the library for the institution, which will be located in Jackson. This project, one of the newest Mission efforts, up to this time had owned nothing in the way of office equipment, furnishings, or library.

"Dr. Hewitt is the first contributor to this challenging cause. The leaders will be grateful for responses from other interested persons.

Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville, is the

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WASHINGTON REVIEW

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the various moves on the diplomatic checkerboard that responsible speakers feel anything said now just adds to the confusion.

The speech by Winston Churchill in Missouri, coupled with wild rumors that the Army was going to be mobilized again quickly, (vehemently denied by the War Department), disturbed many thoughtful churchmen. War talk has been rife in responsible quarters that ought to know better.

Could this be the America that had sponsored the UNO? Could this be the same country that has prided itself so often on its patience and tolerance and its rapid communications—this rumor-torn nation of today? More than one minister asked himself those questions as many Americans mentally took to the sword without a second thought.

The war talk, although without foundation, could be used by many diverse groups to change the legislative picture in Congress.

Such talk, for example, made many a Congressman wonder whether or not universal compulsory military training might not be a good thing, considering the "threats" posed by Russia.

Such talk made some Congressmen who only a few months ago wanted to see Germany punished severely wonder if they had better not get busy and try to help the Germans re-arm to fight the Russians (a year ago, Goebbels was shouting that this ought to be).

Such talk, instead of promoting a new desire for America to play a responsible part in the world made some Congressmen speculated if huge military appropriations might not be more efficacious than measures to promote peace.

Yet, many Americans felt, Rep. John McCormack (D.-Mass.), House Majority Leader, was right when he said:

"Outside of the Soviet Union all the nations of the world have shown a strong desire to work for peace. It is up to Soviet Russia to co-operate or to be charged with responsibility for failure.

"Appeasement of Hitler contributed to bringing about World War II. Appeasement of Russia will contribute to the defeat of international co-operation necessary for permanent peace.

"It is one thing to recognize the proper claims of Russia, but it is another to see the unfair things it is doing in violation of its promises to other nations."

Adventist Singers Raise Funds

The Seventh-day Adventists, whose world headquarters are located in nearby Takoma Park, Md., are in the midst of their annual fund-raising drive, during which roving bands of singers collect money from persons of all faiths in the evening.

To those contributing, a booklet is given. And if contributors will read it carefully, they will learn that Seventh-day Adventists gave an average of \$100 per capita for the maintenance of their evangelistic, educational and medical work in 1944, last year for which statistics are available.

And this in spite of the fact that their membership "is not large and

In 1945 Mississippi College had 67 ministerial students preaching the gospel of Christ in 106 churches. These brethren are not waiting to live nor are they waiting to preach while they are preparing themselves in a greater ministry for Christ. They are doing this thing now. Here we have from 67 to 106 reasons why Mississippi Baptists should complete the objectives of the Enlargement Campaign quickly. We need more trained missionaries. We need to provide all our churches with better leadership with each succeeding generation. We need spiritual living and a spiritual atmosphere. There are literally thousands of other reasons for quickly completing the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign. Dr. Gunter has well said, "When my brethren are under a load, it is no time for me to be hiding out."

1 CUBIC INCH OF 'BIBLICAL WHEAT'

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crop. . . Last year's crop, which was the fifth, had grown from the original cubic inch to 230 acres and netted 5,555 bushels. The sixth and final year of the demonstration required 2,500 acres of land. If continued for nine years it would require all of the land in W. Virginia, and in ten years it would cover the whole United States. It is estimated that the 13th year would cover the whole globe—all starting with a cubic inch of wheat, a little faith and God's promises.

Land for the first five years, was furnished by Henry Ford, but last fall's planting was so large that no single tract of land in Michigan could handle it, so the seed was parceled

is not composed of people particularly wealthy."

Religious Liberty Campaign

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, chairman of the Committee on Religious Liberty of the Joint (Baptist) Conference Committee on Public Relations, believes he has real support in the Department of State for his campaign to establish universal religious liberty.

After releasing the plan to get support of the Southern, Northern and National Baptist Conventions to employ a trained man to work for this goal in Washington, Dr. Weaver said he would take the work on his own shoulders were it not for his health and age.

He disclosed he had talked the idea over with Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., American official representative to the United Nations Organization, when the latter was Secretary of State, and that Stettinius thought it was an excellent idea.

"I'm sure that this is a project on which not only the Baptists, but all religious faiths, can concentrate," Dr. Weaver declared.

MISCELLANEOUS: — Government workers here were surprised—pleasantly—to learn that a San Francisco spinster named Ida Lack, who died recently, left half of her estate to her church—and half to the Federal Employees Retirement Fund. . . Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced here that the largest annual increase in serious crimes in 15 years took place during 1945. . . Such crimes jumped 12.3 per cent over '44. . . The question of what fruit miraculously grew on a rod was the stumper on a radio Bible quiz program for Congressmen here. Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark), was high man at scoring, and he knew that it was Aaron's rod, but not even he could recall that the rod bore almonds. . . Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, the President's new Ambassador to Russia, is a Roman Catholic, unusual as this may sound to some folks. . .

(Editor's Note: We note that quite a few of the recent appointments have been Catholics.)

Texas Secretary On B. B. I. Missionary Day Program

BY JOHN W. GREEN

"A new day has arrived for Southern Baptists when so many of their leaders are willing to bury all for Christ," stated Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, before a missionary-minded student body in the Baptist Bible Institute's Managan Chapel, March 28.

Preluded by three G. I. testimonies given by former servicemen who saw action in all the major theaters of operation, Dr. Williams' address was a fitting climax to one of the most successful Missionary Day programs of the current school year. Interpreting "missions" from the "pastoral" viewpoint, the leader of the Texas Convention both informed and inspired the entire student body and faculty toward a more supreme missionary endeavor.

"A preacher in the pulpit" was listed as the first leg of all missionary journeys. "Unless the pulpits of the Southland resound with messages of missionary fervor, Southern Baptists can never begin any missionary journey," said the eminent executive.

The second leg of the missionary journey according to the speaker is "the preacher's message." "Go ye into ALL the world" must be the theme of all missionary messages.

Illustrating his message with personal experiences, this former pastor concluded with an appeal to those

out to about 250 farmers throughout the country, who have planted the genuine "Biblical Wheat" and will give the tithe to more than 150 different churches representing all faiths.

A representative field of the famous "Dynamic Kernels" has been planted inside the race track at the Adrian, Mich., Fair Grounds, where the final huge official celebration will be held during the harvest this summer. The wheat will be cut, threshed, ground into flour, baked into biscuits and fed to the multitudes in the grandstands, right before their very eyes.

"Now that the war is over, elaborate plans are being completed by Perry Hayden, in cooperation with the Lenewee County Fair Board, to make this the most spectacular international human-interest story in the world," says Raymond J. Jeffreys, an Ohio publicist.

"The colorful parades, cutting and harvesting pageants, showing equipment used from the Biblical days down to the modern combines, and reports from the farmers throughout the country who are making possible the completion of this stupendous final year of the project, will make this great religious event a living demonstration of the Biblical truths regarding sowing, reaping, re-birth and tithing," says Perry Hayden, the Quaker miller and founder of the demonstration.

Missionary D. F. Stamps, one of the first groups to enter the front door of China after V-J Day, writes to the Christian Index of Georgia a letter in which he closes with these hopeful words: "The demand in China for relief work in many places will be very urgent. The need for missionaries is greater now than ever before, for the opportunities are much better. Our own mission work is more fully unified now than it has ever been. Our Baptist people at home should support the program of missions both at home and abroad with all their strength in men and in money. We should go all-out for Christ at this time. And I believe we will do a better job for the Lord than has been done during our hundred years of organized work."

Dr. Emory Ross, representing in Africa the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, calls attention to the contribution of Christian missions to Africa, not only to the spiritual life of the people, but in the fields of modern education, medicine, public health, literacy, literature, agriculture, and social advance. Modern civilization has wrought great changes in Africa. We quote from World Call: "As for the change, it was inevitable. Missions pioneered in the elements mentioned and still carry a large share of the load, but nearly every other force touching Africa from the outside in the past century has brought or contributed to change also: trade, political forces, western law, foreign literature, sea transportation, motor salesmen, air-lines, cinema, military forces, war, liquor, land ownership, the press, labor unions, clothing merchants, the postal system, mail order houses, cooperatives, international health agencies. Change has been made inevitable by a world pushing in upon Africa."

—BR—

In Memory of Our Dear Husband And Father, Stanton L. Middleton, Sr.

Died October 28, 1945

Age 59 Years

Dear Father, you have left us,
And your sufferings are now o'er,
At the dear old home no longer,
Can we gather as before.
Our family tie is broken,
Your work on earth is done,
Your worries all are ended,
Your heavenly crown is won.
But you are not forgotten,
Nor will you ever be—
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore;
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your tender care, your gentle face,
No one on earth can fill your vacant place.

Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they do not know the sorrow that lies concealed.

No one knows the silent heartaches;
Only those who have lost loved ones can tell the grief we bear for one we loved so well.

A page in life's memory book is gently turned today,

We cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see
But all is well that is one by Thee.

—WIFE AND CHILDREN.

present to grasp the power that had been promised from the Holy Spirit and lead their parishioners in the world-conquering task for Christ. "Power of all kinds was offered so why should not Christians be found in all seats of authority, whether they be financial, political, educational, or spiritual," reasoned the speaker.

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Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1 Cor. 13:8

"We preach Christ Crucified." I Corinthians 1:23.

Did you read the message of Dedication for our Baptist Building by Pastor J. L. Sullivan, Brookhaven? It was on page eight in last week's Baptist Record. It is a great message by a great pastor. You should look it up and read it.

I

In the matter of soul-saving and soul-winning God has done His part. John 3:16. He still strives with men! He still works! John 4:34. John 9:4. John 5:17. Jesus certainly has done His part. Isaiah 53. The Holy Spirit does His work. John 16. Revelation 22:17.

If His church does her part in soul-winning, the pastor must be a soul-winner! He should preach evangelistic sermons. He should be compassionate in his praying and pleading. He may teach courses in soul-winning, et cetera. Over and above this he must engage in personal soul-winning if his church is to be evangelistic. Few and only a few members will go ahead of the pastor in anything. If he engages in soul-winning, his church will be challenged to practice soul-winning.

If the church is to be a soul-winning church, the other officers must be soul-winners. The deacons should certainly be soul-winners. Stephen and Philip, first deacons, were great soul-winners. Acts 6, 7, 8, 9. Some of the great est soul-winners we have known were and are deacons. Sunday School teachers should be soul-winners. Imagine such an one failing to seek to win the lost of his own class. All Christians should be soul-winners. What else are we left on the earth for after being regenerated. Matthew 4:19.

If the church is to be effective in soul-winning, it must be a praying church. In the prayer meeting special requests will be presented for those lost. Prayers on Sunday and in private will carry a passionate appeal for the salvation of the lost.

If the church is to be powerful in winning the lost to Christ, the word of God must be constantly studied and used. God promises to bless His word! Hebrews 4:12. Isaiah 55.

If the church is to be great in soul-winning, members must live the Christ life! Romans 8. A hypocrite cannot win souls!

The church must have the power of the Holy Spirit! Zechariah 4:6. Acts 1:8. John 16:1. The Holy Spirit is given stately for soul winning!

We are to expect results!

II

SUGGESTED DETAILS FOR MAKING EFFECTIVE 1946 AS A GREAT PREACHING YEAR

1. Prayer. 2. Bible Study. 3. Consecration. 4. Application. 5. Seventeen thousands (17,000.00) dollars to be divided among the associations at not over \$250.00 per association. This money is to be spent as supplementary finances, at \$50 each for as many as five revivals in UNCHURCHED AREAS in each association. 6. The association is to have complete charge of plans for the given association. This includes designation of sites for the meetings, selection of the preachers, other plans, etc. The Convention Board office is to pay the money upon certification by the designated association officers in each association and upon the reception of a report written regarding the plans, progress and fruits of each series of services. 7. Receipts from each meeting are not to be sent in as State Mission offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. PHILLIPS
M. E. (Otis) PERRY
E. S. FLYNT
J. L. MOORE
J. I. BERRYHILL

Committee on Evangelism.

III

The four district Stewardship Conferences at Hattiesburg, Newton, Greenwood, and Corinth each registered a fine attendance with the usual, unusual interest manifested. Professor Elsey and the singer groups added greatly to the meeting. Our Mississippi speakers brought excellent messages. Our conference periods were very engaging due to the questions and discussions on the part of the brethren. Dr. J. Palmer Muntz of Buffalo, New York, proved to be a very helpful and inspiring speaker.

Real history has just been made in a week of state meetings including the Association Moderators' and Clerks' Conference, the Brotherhood Convention and the W.M.U. Convention.

The Association Moderators' and Clerks' meeting, the first of its kind, was largely attended and great interest was expressed by participants. We appreciate the help of our Mississippi brethren who led the two conferences. Some real problems and opportunities were discussed. Dr. Porter Routh and Dr. Louie D. Newton were at their best in the messages. The brethren voted unanimously in favor of a continuation of the meeting. Officers elected were: D. A. McCall, chairman, Chester Quarles, vice-chairman, and H. J. Rushing, recording secretary. The officers constitute the program committee and are to set the time for the next meeting.

The Brotherhood Convention was unusually good and attended by several hundred pastors and laymen. Secretary Street is to be congratulated over this his first convention. Mississippi Baptists are on the march!

The usually largely attended W. M. U. Convention was held and we congratulate Miss Robinson and her helpers over the program, plans, and participation.

IV

For the second straight year we have had the unusual privilege of visiting the Senatobia saints in revival session. Dr. Harry Leland Martin, the superb pastor, knows how to lead his people and how to make good plans for a revival series. The people were ready when we arrived. They have a great deacon group, other strong Christian laymen, many fine young people and an excellent W. M. U. in this church. Music director, Luther Harrison, had over 100 people in his four choirs and what inspiring singing we did have! Some 24 or 25

persons walked the aisles for Christ and 15 of them on profession of faith.

While in a revival effort at Senatobia, Dr. H. L. Martin, moderator of Tate County Association, called an associational meeting for the purpose of deciding about the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign. Several churches were represented by leading Christian men and Christian women. An interesting session was had. They decided to aim a little above their association quota and steps were taken looking toward breaking down the association quota as a church goal. Our director of music, Luther A. Harrison, outlined a proposed program of Sacred music and song.

V

Miss Marguerite Vanderburg, Clinton, recently joined our office force as an office secretary. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. Miss Vanderburg served as registrar and taught commerce at Hinds Junior College at Raymond and later taught commerce at Mississippi College. This splendidly qualifies her for this work. She will replace Mrs. C. O. Lindsey, whom we regret to lose to Baptist Bible Institute within a matter of weeks.

We are rejoicing over the coming to Mr. Charles W. Horner as an addition to our staff. As already announced, he is the B. S. U. secretary. He will render fine service in this department. We appreciate the very excellent services of Riley Munday for the past several months and further for the splendid outlook of his work in Cleveland.

We welcome Rev. Joe Abrams into our B. T. U. department. Brother Abrams is one of our very fine pastors and we predict for him a very happy ministry in this department.

VI

Life's Extras by Archibald Rutledge, is a very interesting Revel volume just off the press. It is in four chapters—1. Faith in God's Love, 2. The Eloquence of Simple People, 3. God Works in Beautiful Ways, 4. The Valley of the Shadow.

VII

PROOF OF HIS DEATH

The enemies of Christ and of the Christian religion have resorted to every conceivable scheme and strategy to disprove the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. They have contended that He did not actually die, but that it was a case of swoon, trance, or suspended animation from which He revived.

Dr. H. B. Carroll submitted ten facts, any one of which would be sufficient to settle beyond all controversy the question of the actual death of Jesus on the cross.

1. "The first fact is, as the records say, 'He died,' that is, the body and soul were separated. All the historians say, 'He yielded up His spirit.'"
2. "To make sure that he was actually dead, one of the executioners pierced His heart with a spear, from which flowed water and blood, an unmistakable evidence of death. (John 19:33-37)."
3. "The centurion in charge officially certified His death to Pilate. (Mark 15:44-45)."
4. "He was actually embalmed and buried."
5. "The mouth of the tomb was barred with a great stone (John 19:33-42). A stone so great that when the women came they did not know how they could have rolled that stone away."
6. "This stone entrance was sealed with the Roman seal, and to break that seal was death."
7. "A guard was stationed to watch the sepulchre and protect it day and night from interference, until the third day had passed" (Matt. 27:62-66).
8. "On the third day came an angel of the Lord and with a great earthquake rolled away that stone, while the guards fell as dead men (Matt. 28:2-4)."
9. "The guards faithfully reported the facts to the Sanhedrin, and with a large sum of money were bribed to say that His body was stolen by His disciples while they (the guards) slept (Matt. 28:11-15)."
10. "The angel told His disciples that He was risen and reminded them to meet Him at the previously appointed place in Galilee (Matt. 28:5-7)."

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FIRST CHURCH GRENADA DEDICATES LIBRARY

"We have never asked for money in connection with our church library," declared Dr. G. E. Wiley, pastor of the First Church, Grenada. The first gift was made by J. B. Perry, Jr., the second by J. H. Oliver. The church included \$500 in the budget and Mrs. John T. Keeton contributed \$1,000 as a memorial to her late husband. In appreciation of her generous gift the library bears the name, "The John T. Keeton Memorial Library."

In preparation for the opening of the library, Mrs. A. T. Day of the Baptist Book Store taught a study course.

The dedicatory address was made by Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis. His subject was "Books and the Book". The large crowd was thrilled at Dr. Lee's dramatic presentation.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- April 15—Rev. W. L. Compere, Trustee, Clarke College; Dr. J. M. Sharp, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Mississippi College.
- April 16—Pray for Training Union Revival April 21-May 3, Tippah County; Dr. R. C. Smith, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.
- April 17—T. T. Gooch, Convention Board Members, Yalobusha County; Geo. Woodward, Secretary, District 2, Brotherhood.
- April 18—Rev. B. E. Phillips, Convention Board Members, Lawrence County; Claude Lazenby, Panola County Associational B. T. U. Director.
- April 19—Pray for the State Sunday School Conventions at Hattiesburg, April 23-24 and Jackson, April 25-26.
- April 20—Dr. Webb Brame, Convention Board Member, Yazoo County; J. H. Christopher, Clay County Associational Sunday School Superintendent.
- April 21—M. V. McKinster, Member Board of Ministerial Education; Miss Angie Hendricks, Registrar, Blue Mountain College.

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OUR SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

Every year before the Southern Baptist Convention, we appeal to all concerned to publish reports that are to be made to the Convention.

Space limitations prevent publishing reports in full but the gist of them should be published. And certainly all proposed recommendations should be published.

If our conventions are worthwhile they deserve the very best thought. Snap judgment always leads to snap situations.

The usual custom is for a long report to be distributed. Someone explains briefly the contents and the vote is taken. This is done without much thought on the part of the messengers. Serious and careful consideration is impossible.

At the very least, all recommendations and the reasons for them should be published beforehand.

The excuse is offered that our boards cannot prepare the reports in time for publication. The reply is, start sooner.

If we take our usual snap judgment and vote without proper consideration, why have a convention? It would have time and expense simply to let the boards and committees adopt their own recommendations without reference to a convention.

Too often is heard the complaint that "a few are running things." We doubt that this is the intention of our leaders, but more pre-convention publicity would help to answer such complaints.

As it now is, messengers, when registering, are handed a large book of reports. If they did nothing else, they could not properly study these reports during the sessions of the conventions.

If suggestions and recommendations are good they will stand the light of publicity. The rank

and file of the messengers will be expected to help carry out convention actions. Why not allow these same messengers the privilege of thinking through them?

And pre-convention publication would allow those unable to attend the convention time to think matters over and consult with those fortunate enough to go to the convention.

Good recommendations will not be harmed by publication. Bad ones need to be harmed.

—BR—

Women's Convention Was A Great Success

The women came. They were there from Aberdeen to Woodville, from Agricola to Zelleria. Train and bus travel may be crowded and inconvenient, hotel accommodations hard to get, but the women of Mississippi came to their State W.M.U. Convention in Jackson April 2-4. To put it modestly, the meeting held in the First Baptist Church was a great success.

The large auditorium of the First Baptist church was filled to capacity. And when the good women come, they stay. We saw no groups "Gossiping in the corridors". Even the last session on Thursday was well attended.

As always, the program was deeply spiritual and well planned. There was not one dull moment. These fine, consecrated efficient women not only prepare a good program but they carry it out. They put a lot into the program and they get a lot out of it. They depend not on sound alone but make much of sight. They know how to tell about things but they reinforce it with pageantry and illustration.

A fine spirit pervaded the whole convention. They do not even know the word defeat. Not one unkind word or unfair insinuation found utterance.

GOD BLESS THOSE WOMEN!

—BR—

Evangelist Endorses Southern Convention, Admits Former Error

A few years ago, Evangelist John R. Rice, a Texas pastor of several years back broke with the Texas Baptist Convention and with Southern Baptists. Much of his preaching and writing (he is a prolific writer) has been "anti-convention". Dr. Rice seems to have seen the light and has changed his attitude and now asks all his followers to join in promoting the cooperative work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Rice is not the first one to feel that he knew a better way than the one used by Southern

Baptists nor is he the first one to have a change of heart. Most anti-groups are sound doctrinally. Usually they are very zealous from an evangelistic viewpoint. They have usually differed because of convention practices hence the terms anti-convention, anti-board.

We want all to know and thoroughly understand that we believe in the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. There are a few minor things that we would like to see changed but with any faults that the organized work of Southern Baptists may now have we are for it until someone presents a better plan. Our plan is working and producing and showing much better results than any other plan.

Dr. Rice seems to have honestly believed his anti plan a better one. But to his credit, when he found that the Southern Baptist plan was better he acknowledged his error. And such a confession takes courage and lots of it. But there are thousands of members of Southern Baptist churches, many of them in Mississippi who are just as anti-convention as if they belonged to some of the dissenting groups. At least their actions would so indicate. Many never attend church services, Sunday school, Training Union, prayer meeting, Missionary Society, Brotherhood. Far too many never have any share in promoting any of the work at home or abroad. They should read Dr. Rice's article and then do some confessing for themselves. He, at least, admits his error and plans now to travel the right road.

At his request we present below the full text of an article by Evangelist John R. Rice, published in the SWORD of THE LORD which he edits. And may his testimony be a call to all non-cooperating brethren to join up now and put their energy and testimony and money into a program that is trying to reach the lost "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The full text of Dr. Rice's article:

"Thou Saviour said, 'Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift' Matt. 5:23, 24.

"I think the time has come when I can do publicly, without being misunderstood, what I have long ago tried to do privately. I was reared a Baptist in Texas, and from my boyhood had membership in churches cooperating with the Texas Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. I was educated in Decatur Baptist College, Baylor University, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. I taught in Wayland Baptist College at Plainview, Texas. I was pastor of the First Baptist church at Shamrock, Tex. All these institu-

tions were associated with the Southern Baptist organization.

"But there arose in Texas a severe controversy over matters of doctrine. I, from earnest conviction, took sides boldly and publicly. Other men made bitter personal issues that became paramount in the minds of many. I think my own motives were right and I still hold the same strong doctrinal convictions. But inevitably I was classed and then thrown with men whose methods and whose apparent motives I later had to renounce openly. I organized a number of independent Baptist churches growing out of revival campaigns. I conducted. These churches did not cooperate with the Texas Baptist Convention nor the Southern Baptist Convention and were not on very friendly terms with the mass of Southern Baptists and their institutions.

"Some ten years ago I separated myself entirely from the men attacking Southern Baptist leadership and institutions and more and more I have felt renewed my love and loyalty toward the Southern Baptist group of men who were such a tremendous blessing and influence in my earlier Christian life and preparation and ministry.

"I do not claim that I was blameless in the breach of fellowship. I have confessed to some men that I thought I had, without intention, wronged them. I have sought to renew my fellowship. In harmony with my earnest advice, the church in Dallas of which I was under God, the founder and long pastor, voted to seek fellowship with Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists. This was under the pastorate of my successor, Dr. Robert J. Wells, but was in thorough harmony with my outspoken advice. In recent years I have had a number of revival campaigns in great Southern Baptist churches. I have had fellowship with many strong Southern Baptist leaders. I have sought to be brotherly and to openly prove myself brotherly.

"Now I want to say to independent groups of Baptists in the south that I feel your greatest usefulness and happiness and the most blessed service for the Lord can be done in friendship, and whenever possible, in the open and full cooperation with Southern Baptists. I am not now urging Methodists and Presbyterians to become Baptists, but am urging harmony and cooperation among those of like precious faith. I am trying to help further to heal a breach that I, in some measure, I am sad to say, helped to make.

"I do not urge anybody to condone worldliness, or to give money where he cannot give it conscientiously in Jesus' name. But Southern Baptists in the main are for the Word of God and soul-winning and everything precious to the independent groups of Baptists. There is worldliness among Southern Baptists and worldliness among independent groups also. Neither is perfect.

"But Southern Baptists are the largest single soul-winning group of people in the world. They believe the Bible is inspired. They believe in salvation by the blood. They believe in the absolute deity of Jesus Christ. And while they do not all agree on dispensational truth, Southern Baptists all believe that the Bible is true when it says that Jesus is coming again. I believe that exceptions would be very rare. And I believe that there is enough liberty in the Southern Baptist

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EVANGELIST ENDORSES

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set-up for Bible-believing Baptists as individuals and Baptist churches to co-operate, maintaining independence and freedom in the Holy Spirit.

"Hence I urge independent Baptist pastors in the South, wherever possible, to seek fellowship in groups of convention Baptist pastors even as I sought the fellowship of the Baptist Minister's Conference in Dallas when I was pastor there. I urge churches, as rapidly as they can honestly and heartily do so, to begin to cooperate with Southern Baptists in the great Sunday School work they are doing and in their crusade for souls throughout the south and in their dream and vision and plans and work in missions throughout the world.

"For myself, though my ministry is largely centered in the north, I like to be known as a Southern Baptist. My fellowship, my memories, the tremendous debt I owe Southern Baptists, and the great usefulness of this group of soul-winning Christians move my heart to seek their fellowship and to urge others who are Baptists in the south to do likewise."

—BR—

An Admonition To Pastors

By A. Baptist Layman

Jackson seems to have a fine lot of consecrated pastors that are bringing the story of Jesus to a lost and dying world. They are constantly telling us of the great love of God, and our duty to Him, which is as it should be. Few of us fully realize just how much He did love us, and how much suffering Jesus did that we might have eternal life, and how unworthy we are of this great love and how little we are doing for Him. But I notice pastors here are not unlike most others, in that they seem to neglect to teach us to FEAR God as well as to love Him.

From sermons we hear now, one might get the impression that our preachers didn't believe in a hell where the Bible tells us that all unbelievers will go. They fail to put the fear of the wrath of God in our hearts.

When I was a youngster, I loved my parents and wanted to please them. But irrespective of my love for them I would have done many things contrary to their instructions if I had not been afraid they would "thrash the day lights out of me." I was reared by God-fearing parents who believed the whole Bible including Proverbs 23:13-14, "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell." I believe we as grown-ups are not unlike children in this respect. We have grown out from under the rule of our parents, but we are still under the rule of God, and unless we are taught to fear Him, we are likely to be disobedient children.

Fear of God Mentioned Often

In looking through my Topical Bible, I find 161 passages of scripture where we are commanded to "FEAR GOD," including Psa. 2:11, "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." Prov. 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instructions." Heb. 10:31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." And in Jesus' own words found in Luke 12:5, "I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you fear Him."

It has been said by some of our pastors that there are church members, even in our own Baptist churches in Jackson, who do not believe in a devil, hell or everlasting punishment of the wicked or unsaved. To refuse to be-

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD Jackson, Mississippi Statement Of Operations Of The Baptist Record Year Ended October 31, 1945

INCOME:	
Subscriptions	\$49,516.70
Advertising	10,722.22
Addressing Envelopes	36.20
Miscellaneous Income	179.29
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$60,454.41
OPERATING EXPENSES DEDUCTED:	
Office Expense	\$ 185.92
Traveling Expense	741.33
Automobile Expense	73.35
Regular Salaries (Schedule)	13,750.81
Special Salaries (Schedule)	508.08
Printing	17,733.40
Lights, Telephone and Rent	770.47
Advertising	50.96
Supplies	454.13
Miscellaneous Expenses	600.36
Express and Drayage	453.91
Dues	20.00
Promotional Expense	3.90
Postage	4,180.02
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES DEDUCTED	\$39,526.64
NET INCOME YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1945:	\$20,927.77

Mississippi Baptists have shown great interest in the Baptist Record as their official organ in promoting all the work of Christ in scattering information and spreading information over the length and breadth of this great state. As a matter of fact, its messages have gone around the world.

Mississippi Baptists have always shown an interest in and an appreciation for the progress in finances resulting in a net profit last year of \$20,927.77 in Baptist Record Business Management.

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Baptist Building

Jackson, Mississippi

lieve this is to refuse to believe the Bible. I find in my Bible 256 passages of scripture that describe and warn us of the punishment of the wicked or unsaved, including Jesus' own words found in Matt. 25:30ff, "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And in Rev. 20:10-15, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw the dead, small and great stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Fear Men or God?

The foregoing words out of the Bible are not pleasant to dwell on, and a pastor that would dare to bring a message on such things to his present-day congregation would fail to soothe them and be in danger of losing his job. But those words are found in the inspired word of God and I believe that if a pastor is truly called of God, he is commanded to teach all of it. There are many people attending church today who never read their Bibles and depend solely on the pastor to teach them the word of God. No wonder then, that they do not believe in a devil, or an everlasting punishment of the unsaved. They naturally would believe that if there really were such terrible things the pastor would warn them of it. I have heard pastors that mustered up enough courage to touch slightly on the stronger language in the Bible, but first would apologize to the congregation. Sometimes I wonder who the pastors fear more, God or men.

It is true that we are under grace, and I am a strong believer in the security of the believer. However, it is not enough just outwardly to profess that we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

as the Son of God. We must repent and have a change of heart. John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." There are also strong words found in First John 2:4, "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." I wonder just how many would really repent of their sins if they didn't have some fear in their hearts of punishment they would receive in the hereafter?

Unsaved in Church

There are alarming numbers of unsaved people in our churches today. Is it because they have not heard the true plan of salvation? That they have not had the fear of God planted in their hearts? Could it be that pastors were too anxious to add numbers to their church rolls for the eyes of men, instead of souls into the Kingdom of God? Could it be that Sunday school teachers or vacation Bible school leaders over-persuaded children who were not under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit to join the church for salvation? Could it be that pastors fail to bring such messages that will convict sinners? Could it be that my own life has caused others to stumble?

Our pastors openly condemn sin, but fail to tell us what is sinful. Many of us know, but many of the younger generation have never been told by their parents, their Sunday school teacher or their pastor what is sinful in the sight of God. A large majority of our young people who belong to the church and attend regularly, and even teach in the Sunday school, are honest in their opinion that dancing is harmless, with no danger of leading them on to other sins. They believe this and other worldly pleasures are not sinful because their pastor nor their Sunday school teacher would lift their voices against them. Could it be that the pastors have not been outspoken against these sins for fear they will "step on the toes" of some of their influential members? I believe that the love and fear of God



Department
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Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

The Department of Church Music is holding eight district conferences as follows: April 8, District 2, First Baptist Church, Clarksdale; April 9, District 3, First Baptist Church, Grenada; April 10, District 4, First Baptist Church, Tupelo; April 11, District 5, First Baptist Church, Starkville; April 12, District 1, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; April 15, District 6, First Baptist Church, Newton; April 16, District 7, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; April 17, District 8, First Baptist Church, McComb.

Suggested program of music for Easter in the smaller churches:

1. For God So Loved the World—Sizemore (Junior Choir).
2. Joy to the World (Congregation).
3. All on the Altar—No. 83 in Broadman Hymnal (Mixed Quartet).
4. Blessed Redeemer — No. 428 in Broadman Hymnal (Choir).
5. Christ Arose (Choir).
6. He Lives on High (Solo and choir on chorus).

Elimination Contests

The Sunday School Hymn Playing Contests for Juniors and Intermediates should have the church contest during the last week in April. The county contest should be held about the middle of May. This date should be set by the Associational Sunday School Superintendent. The district contests will be held in June. The final state contest will be held October 11 at Jackson. Please ask your Sunday School Superintendent about these contests.

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Carthage: M. D. Reagan, Sunday School superintendent, reports that 25 reservations have been made for the Sunday School conference at Ridgecrest this summer. The pastor is scheduled to teach "Baptist Distinctives" the week of April 15-19 when all county Sunday School and Training Union workers are invited to join the Carthage study course.

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DR. HEWITT MAKES VALUABLE GIFT TO NEGRO SEMINARY

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chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's committee on Negro work. Rev. C. Z. Holland of Canton is chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hewitt's donation has been gratefully received by the Negro leaders, who appreciate his genuine friendship for their new institution.

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Strong mature preachers of the Gospel are needed NOW to enter doors that are wide open to evangelism in many foreign countries. Write to J. W. Marshall, Secretary of Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Virginia.

should go hand in hand. Our God is a God of mercy, love and understanding. But I also believe He intended for us to fear Him, and fear the awful suffering of hell, and to plant that fear in the hearts of those we may influence. If this had not been His will, He would not have inspired it in His Holy Word so many times.

Richmond Pastors Favor Correlation For Southern Baptists

There has been a steadily growing conviction among the pastors of the South that the organizational life of our churches needs to be re-examined. Each of our organizations started out to meet a need, and each has rendered a monumental service for the world-wide Kingdom, and for the local church. However, in the course of development, we find that we now have considerable overlapping and many duplications of function. It has become evident that some adjustment and revision is needed, whereby each of the functions of our present setup is maintained, but the duplications are eliminated.

The Baptist Pastors' Conference of Richmond, Virginia, in an effort to face the problems involved, unanimously went on record as favoring some plan of correlation, and named a committee to make a study in this field. This committee was anxious to discover whether the need was only local or South-wide in scope, and to that end a representative survey was conducted. Using the 1945 Southern Baptist Handbook, the committee sent a brief questionnaire to the pastors of all churches with a membership of 500 or more.

To date, 1,097 replies have been received, representing the judgment of the pastors of 1,226,098 church members from every state in the Southern Baptist Convention. Eighty per cent of the pastors definitely favored correlating the work of our organizations; seventeen per cent indicated that they did not favor such a step; and three per cent were undecided.

Insufficient Leaders

Sixty per cent of the pastors replied that they did not have sufficient leaders for their organizations, and fifty-six per cent did not think it practical for the church members to fulfill all the obligations these organizations demand. Out of a total of 3,755 separate organizations reported in the survey, 84 per cent have not achieved standard rating.

It is the prayerful conviction of this committee that the leadership of our Convention will want to lend every effort to answering the desire of 80 per cent of the pastors of more than 1,000 representative churches for some correlated plan of Christian education and training. It is not in our province to say what that ought to be, but it is our sincere feeling that the 1946 session of our Convention ought to name a committee on church organizations, that no salaried employee of any board or agency of our Convention ought to serve on this committee, and that this committee should be requested to present to the 1947 Convention a plan of Christian education which will carefully integrate all of the functions of our present organizational life. — Pastors' Survey Committee, Richmond Baptist Pastors' Conference: J. W. Hughston, Jr., Chairman; J. Lavering Evans; Clyde V. Hickersch, R. Wade Kay and C. Robert Stevens.

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Brother J. C. (Andy) Anderson has been called as pastor of New Haven Church, near Terry. He is a student at Mississippi College.

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Mrs. C. R. Winstead of Melrose Church, Yazoo County, recently sent a club of ten subscriptions. Such friends help to build The Record subscription list.

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D. M. Nelson, Jr., Accepts Kansas City Pastorate

Truett Farmer, educational director announces that Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., a native of Mississippi, has assumed his duties as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Kansas City Missouri. This organization is one of Missouri's best, it is second in the state in gifts to the Co-operative Program. Dr. Nelson has launched a program of evangelism and expansion, and under his present capable leadership the church will continue to be a "light-house for souls."

Calvary is one of the oldest churches in the region, now in its 105th year. It gives 50 percent to missions and is located in the center of the Kansas City residential district. Dr. Nelson is the son of President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College, and was pastor of the great Second Church in Richmond, Virginia before entering the chaplaincy, from which he was released, March 20th.

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Northside Has Great Year Second Annex Planned

The Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, marked the first anniversary of the beginning of Rev. W. Lowrey Compere's pastorate with large congregations and splendid services. Elaborate floral offerings for the occasion were given by the Women's Union in honor of the Pastor and his wife. In response to a number of requests Mr. and Mrs. Compere sang a duet in the morning service. The Pastor's sermon theme for the morning was "Hither-to-Henceforth."

Records show a number of items in the church's progress during these twelve months. Average attendance in the Sunday School for March of this year was exactly double that for the same month last year, with the Training Union attendance being likewise practically doubled. One hundred sixty-two new members have been received into the church with a net gain in membership of 124. The church's building fund toward the erection of its new house of worship has been increased from \$5,000 a year ago to \$17,779. The total offerings for all causes amounted to \$25,088 for the year.

A temporary annex to the present auditorium has been erected and another temporary building is under construction to provide added space needed now for Sunday School and other activities.

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Carthage: The senior class of Carthage High School have invited Dr. William Potter, local Baptist pastor, to preach the annual Baccalaureate sermon of Sunday, April 17. The services will be conducted in the high school auditorium and both Baptist and Methodist churches will dismiss regular morning services for the occasion. Dr. Potter has announced his subject as, "Keeping Fit for Life."

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Many missionaries are needed for Japan at once! Write to J. W. Marshall, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Spring Eggs Needed At Orphanage

By MRS. W. G. MIZE

"Never put all your eggs in one basket," are words we have heard over and over again. You may have a basket of eggs to set, you may have a basket to market, or a basket to send to a neighbor, or friend. But what about a basket for the Orphanage? We have a few hens and receive eggs accordingly. We buy eggs by the case especially for cooking, but there's nothing like a "fresh yard egg" to eat. Now that eggs are a little more plentiful, if you would like to serve us eggs for just one meal send about 18 dozen. The Orphanage can use 24 dozen in a day easily, or a case which is 30 dozen. This request is not made for Easter Egg Hunts, but for eggs to serve on our dining room tables at meal time. Spring time does mean green grass, blooming flowers, budding trees and laying hens. So help us to enjoy fresh eggs and the children will cackle a big "THANK YOU."

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LAYMEN CARRY ON WHILE PASTOR IS ILL

For the past three months, while the Pastor, E. C. Cox, pastor of Mantee church, has been ill and unable to fill the pulpit, the laymen of the church have been "standing by" in a great way. They express appreciation for the fine co-operation rendered by all the people in assisting them. Attendance has been fine, and seats at the services at times have been at a premium. There were 135 at Sunday School March 31 from a membership of around 130.

In speaking of their experience, L. L. George, superintendent of the Sunday school says in part as follows: "This makes my cup of joy run over. When we try hard to help, and we see people who love Him and profess His Name line up and strive to live for Him as they rally to His church in spirit and in action—it just makes my cup full of joy and it runs over! We ask the prayers of the people for our pastor during his illness."

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WORLD BAPTIST LEADER TO VISIT UNITED STATES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (RNS)—Acceptance by Dr. James H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, London, England, of an invitation to speak at commencement exercises at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here May 2, has been announced by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, seminary president.

Leader of 13,000,000 Baptists throughout the world, Dr. Rushbrooke is known as an advocate of full religious liberty in all countries. He will address a graduate class of 165 theological students, largest number of graduates in any one year of the 87 year history of the Louisville institution.

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Three hundred young Baptists will be appointed within the next six years for overseas service, if the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention can find that many who qualify.—J. W. Marshall in Baptist Student.



MRS. JANIE SULLIVAN

Mrs. Janie Sullivan, pictured above, is faculty adviser of the BSU Council at East Central Junior College, Decatur, which is entertaining Mississippi students at the State BSU Spring Retreat, April 26-27. Mrs. Sullivan loves and enjoys working with young people and is anxious that many students will come to the Retreat.

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A Word To The Dry Voters Of Mississippi

The Dry Voters of Mississippi have been slandered and falsely accused, by some members of the legislature. Again and again it has been said that, "Mississippians vote dry and drink wet, or Mississippians stagger to the polls and vote dry!" The trouble with those statements is: They are misleading in the first place, and in the second place, they are not true. They are quotable quotes for propaganda purposes. They are similar to the slogan that leads to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, to wit, "Prohibition is a Failure." Some people have no better sense than to pick them up and quote them, the logic in them is this: if that be true we might as well vote wet.

Any man who doesn't know Mississippi or Mississippians any better than that does not deserve to be an officer in Mississippi. And if he gets out on a platform like that he will soon find out that he cannot be elected to a state office. In the 46 years, that I have been preaching; I have preached all over the state, and I know how Mississippians believe, and how they live. The rank and file of our people are honest, sober, truthful, hard-working farmers, and home builders. I defy any politician to dispute that. They live close to nature and God.

I will admit that we have too many drinkers and drunkards, but they do not constitute the backbone of our state. We need to keep in mind also that one intoxicated person can make more noise and attract more attention than 10 sober persons. Let us also remember that there are millions of tourists stopping and passing through our state every year, who consume large quantities of liquor. If the "road houses and honky-tonks" and many of the "tourist courts" were closed to the public, Mississippi would dry up at a rapid pace. We are inviting crime and criminals into our state by tolerating lawlessness. Some candidate for a state office in next year's election would do well to cry out against these things. The decent people of Mississippi want a decent state in which to live and rear their children, and would stand by a man who has the courage to fight for the right. The program of the liquorites is to scare, falsify, divide and then conquer. Let us be unafraid, undeceived, and stand together and we will conquer. —C. C. JONES



Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary



Shown above are (left to right) Lyle V. Corey, Meridian, who acted as secretary for the Brotherhood Convention; Harry Smallwood, Laurel, president of the convention; and Henry Edmonds, vice-president. M. F. Rayburn, new secretary, was not present at the meeting.

CONVENTION GETS GOOD BEGINNING

Over 425 Attend

People all over Mississippi who are interested in Brotherhood work have a song of gratitude to the Lord in their hearts because of the fine success of the first Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention. Over 425 men registered for the meeting; and it is known that many did not register. The lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, where the meeting was held, was well filled.

Officers Elected

As reported in The Record last week, Harry Smallwood, Laurel, was elected president. He has long been an outstanding Brotherhood leader. Henry Edmonds, Jackson attorney, was made vice-president; and M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, was elected secretary.

Eighty Brotherhoods

The number of Brotherhoods at the time of the Brotherhood Convention was 80. This number represents an increase of 50 per cent over the number reported to the Mississippi Baptist Convention last November.

NEW BROTHERHOODS Pass Christian

Pastor W. S. Allen reports the good news that Pass Christian has organized their men. Officers of the new Brotherhood are as follows: President, Frank Wharton, 253 East Beach St.; membership vice-president, Frank L. French, 217 East Beach; program vice-president, Rev. W. S. Allen (temporary); activities vice-president, John H. Hurst, The Acorn Hotel, West Beach; and secretary-treasurer, Eugene Necaise, 551 East Second St. All addresses Pass Christian. Our prayers and interest will be with these men!

Sharon (Jones)

In spite of the absence of Pastor J. D. Wallace, due to illness in his family, Sunday, March 31, was a wonderful day in the life of the Sharon Church, Jones County. Dr. L.

G. Gates, assisted by C. M. Leggett, of Laurel, led the church in raising over \$2,000.00 for the building fund of the church. In the afternoon Dr. J. W. Parrish, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, made an address, and the secretary led in organizing a Brotherhood.

The officers are as follows: President, J. W. Adams, Rt. 1, Moss; membership vice-president, Robert Adams, Rt. 1, Moss; program vice-president, B. C. Townsend, P. O. Box 749, Laurel; activities vice-president, Vester Welborn, Rt. 1, Moss; and secretary-treasurer, Clarence Adams, Rt. 1, Moss.

Secretary Cooke Writes

A letter from Secretary Lawson H. Cooke certainly will be of interest to all Brotherhood friends. We quote from the letter:

"I wish to again express my appreciation of being with you in your recent state Brotherhood convention. I have never attended a Brotherhood convention that inspired and encouraged me more than the one in Jackson. The men surely turned out in fine fashion and an intense interest was manifested throughout the entire group.

"Our Brotherhood work is well grounded in Mississippi. You have done a good job in the initial organizing. You have a fine group of men to lead in the districts and associations, and we confidently expect Mississippi to step out in the very front of our Brotherhood progress.

"It is not necessary to tell you that you will have the complete cooperation of our southwide offices, and we do not want you to hesitate to call on us whenever we can serve.

Cordially,
LAWSON H. COOKE."

Chaplain W. W. Izard, whose temporary address is care School for the Deaf, Knoxville, Tenn., has been released from service and is available for pastoral work. He is a Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, having obtained his doctorate there. He should be brought back to Mississippi.

A FAVORITE SERMON

"AT EASE IN ZION"

By Rev. John H. Heath, New Albany, Mississippi

Amos 6:1-7. Text "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion" V-1.

Zion, was to Israel, what the Church is to us; it seems some of the members of Zion were like many of our Church members of today.

At the time of the declaration of this WOE Israel was more prosperous than ever before. No one at that time would have believed that Israel could ever come to want, sorrow and distress; yet in 50 years, Israel, as a nation was no more.

They were eating, drinking, having a good time. God said "WOE."

A parallel of that day is today. Never has there been a time when people lived as high as now. Prosperity is as we have never before known. Kings and noblemen of a few years ago did not fare as sumptuously, did not have the conveniences, electric lights, refrigerators, or other necessities as the poor among us today have. God has blessed this age. What have we done with His blessings? We have wasted them in sumptuous living, eating the finest of food, dressing in the finest of goods, moving in the highest classes of society—just HIGH LIVING.

Now at this time God is dealing with us mildly to bring us to him. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you," James 4:8.

If we do not turn to God, and obey His commands, He will deal with us more severely until we do heed His calling and return to Him. We are at ease in Zion, woe to us, if we continue to drift away from God; men and women are going into eternity unprepared and what are God's people doing about it?

During the panic of 1857 prayer meetings were held all over New York and the country 'round about. There were great revivals—men and women were saved by the hundreds. Do we not need a like revival NOW? Assuredly we do.

Politicians tell us a wave of prosperity is just ahead. It may be almost at an end. How long will the prosperity now with us continue?

That depends upon how sincerely we turn to God, seek to know and obey His will.

We see the great increase of sin in the land. Sin is responsible for all the wars engaged in, the worst of which was World War II, costing millions of human lives, and the greatest destruction of property ever known.

God's people are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savor where with shall it be salted?

At ease in Zion. Many unsaved say, "some of your church members do things I do not do."

Do we have to tell folk we are Christians? Or do they know it by our actions? Individuals try to escape responsibility. Adam said Eve was to blame. Eve said it was the serpent. Do we not likewise lay our sins on someone else, on circumstances, or on our weakness? God lays our sins on us, and holds us responsible.

God has commissioned us as soul winner, not angels; soul winning is our responsibility, what are we doing about it? I think angels would rejoice to be soul winners. We shirk our duties and pass the responsibility on to others. God said to us to GO. It's God's plan to save a lost world through the agency of men. True, it is Jesus that saves, yet Jesus commanded us saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, (not part of the nation) baptizing them in the name of the



REV. JOHN H. HEATH

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Are we obeying? God said "Go." The Devil says send someone else. We say "I can't; excuse me please". What God commands he enables us to do.

God commands all Christians to go tell the good news. You delegate the job to the Preacher, Deacon or someone else. We can hardly keep bad news. We want to tell it or at least spill a little of it, God asks us to tell the good news.

Why are we at ease in Zion. When good news of Armistice came in 1918, people shouted for joy and spread the news all over the country. If you are a Christian, that is good news. Why not tell it with your life, "actions speak louder than words."

Has Satan made us too timid to live our Christianity? Has Satan made us at ease in Zion? God has not.

If you are born again, you want to tell the good news. Tell it to all with whom you live and associate who do not know our Saviour.

A large schoolboy led a small boy to become a Christian. A school girl led 40 or 50 others to Jesus just by living Christ before them, so can you. Are you living your Christianity?

We must run risks for God. Abraham risked the life of Isaac. Why? God told him to, and his faith compelled him to do it. God intervened and spared Isaac.

Moses risked his own life and the Israelites when he defied Pharaoh's army. God commanded him to do so and delivered them. Rahab ran a risk of her life and her husband when she cared for the spies, and God blessed and saved her for so doing. We never lose when we obey God.

We can't risk getting on our knees, it might soil our clothes! Or someone might laugh or sneer at us! We fail in prayer for a lack of interest and faith when praying. Some people pray ten minutes or less per day. We are at ease in Zion, with lost men and women all around us.

If you are shirking your duty then your fellowship with God is not making you happy.

Importunate prayer will stir your interest in lost people until you cannot rest nor eat.

If we cease to pray we dwindle; if we stop using our powers, they dwindle, and if our powers dwindle, our congregations dwindle.

To use our powers, they grow. And as our powers grow, our congregations grow.

Salvation is a gift of Grace. Limited service, however, means a limited reward.

Are we at ease in Zion? If so, God is displeased with us. God said, "Woe to that that are at ease in Zion."

Mrs. Claude Shoemaker of Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, recently sent a list of 45 new and renewal subscriptions.

JACKSON WOMAN ELECTED

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son, made each scene very impressive. Among the speakers for the Convention were Miss Blanche Sydnor White, Richmond; Dr. Dewey Moore, Italy; Dr. Courts Redford, Atlanta; J. I. Bishop, Birmingham; Robert Carlisle, Uruguay; Mrs. James D. Belote, Hawaii; Mrs. Webb Brame and Dr. D. A. McCall.

Other Officers Elected

The Nominating Committee composed of Mrs. A. A. Coleman, Indianola, chairman; Mrs. Floyd Barnes, Jackson; Mrs. C. G. Huggins, Oxford; Mrs. N. B. Gilliam, Tupelo; Mrs. R. E. Barfield, Kosciusko; Mrs. R. M. Martin, Meridian; Mrs. L. G. Gates, Laurel; and Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt, Summit, presented the following names in addition to Mrs. Sledge, for officers for the ensuing year:

Vice president, Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; recording secretary, Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson; Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel, community missions chairman, Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, mission study chairman, Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, stewardship chairman, Mrs. Wilburn Buckley, Jackson, chairman district one, Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Jackson, young people's leader district one.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, chairman district two, Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Greenville, young people's leader district two chairman of district three left open, Mrs. E. A. Pryor, Calhoun City, young people's chairman district three, Mrs. H. R. Carter, Tupelo, chairman district four, Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen, young people's leader district four.

Mrs. H. L. Dodd, Sallis, chairman district five, young people's leader left open, Mrs. R. E. Covington, Pachuta, chairman district six, Mrs. W. K. Denson, Bay Springs, young people leader, district six, chairman district seven, Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Mrs. Harold Jones, Picayune, young people's leader district seven, Mrs. I. L. Toler, Gloster, chairman, district eight, young people's leader, left open.

The eight districts of the State W.M.U. had registrations as follows: District one 700 (Jackson included in this district), District two 78, District three 55, District four 38, District five 49, District six 164, District seven 95, District eight 84, and 16 from out of the state.

Harpole Sisters Furnish Special Music

The Harpole quintette, composed of Mrs. E. A. Pryor, Calhoun City; Mrs. Graydon Logan, Mrs. H. K. Curry, Mrs. G. W. Hall of Eupora; and Mrs. J. F. Gilliland, Jr., Coldwater, furnished special music for each devotional period and the benediction. They are the daughters of Mrs. H. L. Harpole of Eupora, who was also in attendance upon the Convention.

Five Margaret Fund students, daughters of missionaries, spoke on the young people's program. They were presented by Mrs. D. R. Bowen of Cleveland, chairman of the Margaret Fund. Cita Harris of China is now a student at Mississippi College. The remaining four are students at Blue Mountain College: Betty Jane Sullivan of Brazil; Betty Jane Watts of Palestine; Mary Beth Cooper and Louise Freeman of Argentina.

Camp To Be Built Near Clinton

In presenting the Camp Project Mrs. Anderson presented Dr. Charles Treadway of Cleveland, and Rev. Joe T. Odle of Crystal Springs, who have served as camp pastors. They gave testimony as to the value of the camp, as did Bobby Henry of Durant, first R. A. Honor Camper. Plans made for building a permanent camp in 1942 were suspended because of war time restrictions, but with road building and deep well digging already begun the Camp, which will

consist of an administration building, a dining hall, staff house, health unit, 16 cabins to accommodate 250 people at one time; and three bath houses, will be ready for summer camps for the following groups: Junior G. A.'s, Junior R. A.'s, Intermediate G. A.'s, Intermediate R. A.'s and Young Woman's Auxiliaries, the first of which is the Junior R. A. Camp for districts 6 and 7 scheduled to begin June 18. Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Young People's leader for District one expressed words of appreciation for Miss Robinson and Anne Schuh of First Church, Jackson, pinned an orchid corsage on Miss Robinson saying "Orchids to You, Miss Ed."

Mrs. Taylor Served As Local Chairman

The chairman of the local committees was Mrs. O. B. Taylor of First Church, Jackson. Mrs. Henry T. Brookshire of Gulfport served as chairman of the Greetings committee and read messages from other State Conventions in session; Mrs. Wilford Moore, of Tupelo, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented a resolution calling on President Truman to divert grain from liquor distilleries and send it to the starving peoples of Europe. Mrs. D. M. Nelson of Clinton, chairman of the Memorial Committee, presented a basket of flowers from the gardens of friends of the late Mrs. A. J. Aven, and long-time president of the State W.M.U. as she told of the esteem in which Mrs. Aven was held and what she had meant to all whom she met.

Virginia Secretary Presents Southern W.M.U.

Miss Blanche Sydnor White, Executive secretary of Virginia W.M.U., used the story of Esther to challenge her audience with the message "For A Time Like This." She told how Baptists had come from an obscure background even as Esther and that the W.M.U. in its beginnings in 1888 did not rate even a paragraph in the newspapers. Times of today are critical and she said that the members of the W.M.U. control the bread baskets in this time of famine, heartbreak and despair for many throughout the world. She told how Christian people have the comfort and understanding that the hungry world craves. Christians in Japan and China are begging missionaries to return. God shapes the tools for our work, but we ourselves must shape our hands for the tools through understanding the importance and learning anew the meaning of the first commandment.

Using as a text Isaiah 52:10, Dr. Dewey Moore, missionary to Italy, took the words "The Lord hath laid bare His holy arm in the eyes of all nations" and told how His arm had been revealed through His Son and is now revealed through believers. As he pictured the nations of the world he told of the high cost of individual freedom. He pictured hands of the peoples of the world empty and reaching up to Christians. All that we know of freedom came from the Gospel of Christ, he said. He also said that America needs to stand against colonial imperialism. We were willing to fight for the Four Freedoms, but have not had the backbone to stand for freedom, said Dr. Moore. Having withstood, we need to stand. Dr. Moore said that four-fifths of the people of the world are hungry. Eight loaves of bread could be purchased for one package of cigarettes in Italy. Among the many plans for sending food to Europe is "The Church Committee on Overseas Relief and

Reconstruction" which is still in the formative period. Church groups in America may then contact church groups in Europe and know that the needs will be met by Christians and in a Christian spirit.

Dr. Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board in his message on "Victories of the Century" told the Convention that the population in the South had increased 110 per cent in fifty years, but that Baptists in the South had increased 113 percent. He also stated that two-thirds of the Baptists of the world live in the Southern Baptist Convention. One of every 4.8 persons in the South is a Baptist and after presenting the scope of the work by the Home Mission Board, he showed how money is stored up personally, expanded personality and extended personality if given for the work of the Kingdom. He said if a person worked eight hours for ten dollars and then gave ten dollars to missions that person was working side by side of the missionary for eight hours.

In a Dedication message for "This Camp We Build" J. I. Bishop of Birmingham told of many projects begun, but left incomplete, because they "ran out of brick." Sometimes it is a shortage of volunteers. He said the best way not to "run out of brick" was to make brick simultaneously as we build, and that the best way to do this is to make materials available for boys and girls to grow spiritually as they grow physically. Having been a camp counsellor he told of the spiritual benefits available in the camps he had attended, some of which had been in Mississippi.

Carlisle Urges "Evangelize Uruguay In One Generation"

Missionary Robert L. Carlisle, a Mississippian, said that the people of Uruguay are a liberty-loving people. There are several nationalities just one or two generations from Europe and not all are Catholic. He said that the liberals and atheistic are often harder to reach than the Catholic. The country is so small that it could be evangelized in one generation if there were enough missionaries, but one missionary couple cannot do it. The people there do not clamor for the Gospel until after they have heard it.

Mrs. Belote, missionary to Hawaii, declared that "Hawaii is a wide open field, not only for Southern Baptists, but also for all the 'isms' known to man."

The islands, as described by Mrs. Belote are one of the newer foreign mission fields. Mrs. Belote has just returned to this state after spending five years in Hawaii. Just prior to the outbreak of the war she and her husband, Rev. James Belote, formerly of Washington, D. C., had started to China to serve as missionaries there.

Ordinarily, Southern Baptists have sent very few missionaries to The Islands, Mrs. Belote said, however, during the war years there were 30 Southern Baptist missionaries working there. They aided in the war program as much as they did in their work with the natives. Mrs. Belote paid tribute to the service personnel, many of whom were of invaluable help in erecting churches and doing other work for the Baptists in their spare moments. She said that many attended their churches and helped with their schools, also.

Mrs. Belote said that Hawaii would suffer along spiritual lines next year, and that much of the good accom-

plished during the war years might go wanting, when all but five of the missionaries now in Hawaii return to their posts in the Far East. She and her husband will be among the group going on to China.

Mrs. Brame Says Fundamentals Prevail

In the President's message Mrs. Webb Brame said that the women who organized Woman's Missionary Union in 1888 had as their goals "Women enlisting their neighbors and training their youth" and that the same ideals are basic today. She also said that "prayer is pre-eminent in the program of powerful Christians," and that "prayer links the fundamentals of W.M.U.—Study, Service and the Fields." During 1945 Mississippi women gave \$114,514 during the three seasons of prayer for Home, Foreign and State missions. The Fannie Traylor Memorial amounts to \$12,112. Portraits of Miss Margaret Lackey, long-time Executive Secretary of Mississippi W.M.U. and of the late Miss Frances Traylor, past Executive Secretary, were unveiled as they were hung in the office of the W.M.U. Executive Secretary, in the Baptist Building. Several hundred people attended the "Open House" on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the Executive Committee were on hand to receive guests and show them through the new building which was occupied last November.

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptists, said that unusual opportunities brought unusual responsibilities. Churches are large enough to hold about 50 percent of their members and he urged that we "Enlarge and Lengthen." He asked that we see if our facilities were large enough, whether they be churches, institutions, hospitals, etc. All are turning down applications. He pointed out that our failures toward the Home and Foreign Mission programs were in proportion to our support of State Missions. That is the home base. In Mississippi the State Mission budget has grown from \$40,000 in 1939 to \$175,000 in 1946. Churches must come up in their vision of the need of State Missions, said Dr. McCall.

Pre-session prayer meetings under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Byrd of Meridian were held two mornings. These set the pace and spirit for many who came for the thirty minutes of devotion and meditation. Special music under the direction of Mrs. I. E. Rouse was presented by the Girls' Chorus of Fifth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and by Mrs. J. Lewis Gates of Laurel. Prof. Lovelace of Jackson College directed the student chorus in two numbers, one of which was a spiritual, on Tuesday evening.

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The following students at Blue Mountain College were recently awarded "M" letters for participation in the athletic program of the college: Marie Koonce, Florence, Alabama; Elizabeth Smith, Blue Mountain; Carmen Webb, Robinsonville, Ann Summers, Olive Branch, members of the Modenians, Katherine Beaty, Jackson, the Eunomians; Lucile Bassett, Louin, and Evelyn Wright, Greenfield, Tennessee, the Euzellians.

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Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March, 1944.

John Caylor, Secretary of Education

Home Missions In Action

At the meeting of the Home Mission Board in March, it was reported that Dr. Fred C. Eastham, superintendent of evangelism is making satisfactory progress in a hospital in Oklahoma City, where he has been confined for several weeks after undergoing a serious operation.

For a number of years, Fruitland Institute in North Carolina was owned jointly by the executive board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board. The Home Board accepted an offer from North Carolina Baptists for a transfer of Fruitland Institute to the state board.

The committee on rural work recommended an appropriation for co-operative work in rural missions in Texas for the current year and the report was adopted.

The Board approved loans from the Church Extension Revolving Fund to the First Baptist Church of Encanta, San Diego, California; Hawthorne Southern Baptist Church, California; East Oakland Southern Baptist Church, California; First Southern Baptist Church, Vallejo, California; Ocean View Baptist Church, San Diego, and Calvary Southern Baptist Church, San Diego.

The Church Building and Loan Committee recommended loans for the First Baptist Church of Sparta, Illinois; Florence Villa Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Florida; and the Calvary Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, Alabama.

Looking In On Our Negro Work

Recently a meeting was held in Atlanta, Georgia, in which 23 Negro Baptist colleges were represented by their executive heads.

Dr. Roland Smith, assistant to the executive secretary of Negro work, was in charge of the meeting. These college presidents discussed the relationship of their colleges with the Home Mission Board in the teacher-missionary program which Southern Baptists have with the Negro institutions.

Encouraging comments were made and the co-operation in this work seemed effective.

Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Caylor took part in the meeting.

On Returning Chaplains

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work for the Home Mission Board, is a busy man these days in surveying the records of chaplains separated from the service.

He reports that brethren in the states are very helpful in getting these chaplains before churches that are pastorless and in need of leadership.

The June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* will be dedicated to the chaplains. Twelve of the brethren gave their lives in service to our country. Appropriate pictures and tributes will be found in the magazine for that month.

All that can be done to place returning chaplains will be a genuine service to the churches and to the denomination.

Silver Anniversary

In May, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, for twenty-five years missionary to the Jews for the Home Mission Board, will consummate a quarter of a century's service in this field. *Southern Baptist Home Missions* will dedicate its May number to Brother Gartenhaus.

A New Building At New Orleans

At the March meeting of the Home Mission Board, a motion picture prevailed that the Board start building as soon as possible on the Rachel Simms Mission, New Orleans.

A building to cost approximately \$85,000 has been approved in rough draft. Suitable committees are working on the plans and specifications.

The Rachel Simms Mission is soon to have a new building.

New Office Associate

Mr. B. M. Crain, recently educational director of the Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, has been elected by the Home Mission Board as associate office secretary to help Mr. J. W. Wing, who for more than 25 years has been the office secretary of the Board.

Mr. Crain comes highly recommended and with valuable experience, having worked ten years in an insurance office and having been the successful director of education in the Highland Church of Shreveport.

Brother Crain began his work with the Home Board, April 1. This is quite a relief to Secretary Wing, whose work has grown so extensive that much help is required.

The publishing of books and the business end of the Board, as well as the technical handling of loan accounts, have added considerable work to the office. Help of the kind expected from Mr. Crain will be very welcome.

School Of Missions

The Home Mission Board's superintendent of schools of missions, Rev. Lewis W. Martin, is rejoicing over the success of a school of missions held in Washington, D. C., recently.

There were various departments co-operating in the school. More than 20,000 persons were in the classes and assemblies of the Washington school.

One of the speakers indicated that the city of Washington, D. C., is a great mission field in itself. Not only are the Christians in the city missionary minded, but, according to this speaker, Washington furnishes great material for the expression of mission efforts.

City Missions At Work

A typical monthly report on city missions shows, even with many churches not reporting, 400 churches, 240 missions, 10 to 15 revivals, the use of more than 5,000 volunteer workers, approximately 1,000 professions of faith, and half as many additions with a total of more than 5,000 mission services conducted, and a grand total of attendance of 160,000.

At present there are 37 city superintendents of Missions and 4 openings, or vacancies.

Mission Books Reprinted

It is a good sign when a book sells out. His *Precious Promises* by J. W. Beagle and *Missions in the New World* by J. B. Lawrence sold out; and reprints are on hand now, ready for delivery on order.

The Country Church by John D. Freeman is also coming off the presses now and is ready for delivery.

These three reprints are very much in demand.

City Superintendents

The Home Mission Board in its March meeting approved the appointment of Rev. J. C. Wells of Lafayette, Louisiana, to become superintendent of city missions for New Orleans. This is a replacement.

The Louisiana state board and the Home Board are in co-operation in the city mission program of New Orleans.

At the same meeting, the Board approved Rev. Ralph L. Cannon, former chaplain in the Army, as city missionary in Durham, North Carolina; and Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, recently pastor in Raleigh, North Carolina, as city missionary in Raleigh, succeeding Rev. Fletcher L. Lambert, resigned.

New Mission Property

The policy of the Home Mission Board, with respect to mission property, is that when the Board owns the property, after the church has demonstrated its ability to handle its own affairs and care for its property, a deed will be given to the church subject to certain regulations. This places responsibility and ownership in the local congregation.

Appropriations were approved at the March meeting for purchase of a building site for a Mexican mission in Tucson, Arizona. Also, an allocation of \$25,000 was made for the construction of a new church building for the Mexican church at Corpus Christi.

Funds were appropriated for remodeling the mission building at Deeville, Texas, and converting it into a pastor's home; for a site for an Indian center in Phoenix, Arizona; and an amount was provided for an Indian institute hold at the Indian Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Missionary Recruits

New missionary appointments in the work among Indians and foreigners include the names of Carlos Pierson at Freer, Texas; Mrs. Sara M. Jimenez at Houston, Miss Esperanza Martinez at Pharr, and Miss Sarah Uriegas at Uvaldo, Texas.

Rev. Alonso Barbosa was approved as missionary pastor at Raton, New Mexico. Miss Elizabeth Hill becomes kindergarten worker at Alamogordo, New Mexico; and Rev. Robert Falls becomes pastor of Only Way Indian Baptist Church and missionary among the Sac and Fox tribes.

Work In The Western States

At the March meeting of the Home Mission Board, plans were approved whereby the Home Board co-operates with the state board of New Mexico in the appointment of eight general workers. A similar co-operation is affected with the Arizona state board in the appointment of six general workers.

Nine general workers were approved in the co-operative plan of work between the Home Mission Board and the California convention. Provision was made at the meeting to take care of widows of former missionaries in Cuba who need financial assistance. The fund will be administered by Dr. McCall.

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Hardy Church begins a pre-Easter revival on April 14 and will continue through Easter Sunday. Goals for the month of April have been set as follows: an average attendance in Sunday School of 95 and in Training Union 35. A new Adult Union has recently been organized and pastor B. B. McGee writes that they expect to observe Christian Home week in May. In the last few months the church has bought and paid for a pastor's home and has money to pay for remodeling of the home.

Pastor A. W. Talbert had Music Secretary Luther Harrison with him in the first music school in the state at Tangipahoa last fall, and just recently had him in a music school at Macedonia Church, Lincoln County. Pastor Talbert writes that both churches have been greatly benefitted by the schools of music directed by Mr. Harrison. He says that the music secretary is not only an expert in the field of music but that he is also efficient in Sunday School and Training Union work.

Miss Christine Giles, Waynesboro, will be presented in her senior speech arts recital in the Modena Lowrey Berry auditorium of Blue Mountain College Saturday, April 13, by Miss Elizabeth Purser, head of the department of speech arts.

On Wednesday of last week at the monthly workers meeting of First Church, McComb, the Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments planned the council meeting with supper served to all officers and teachers of the Sunday School. The room was decorated with baby pictures and various symbols of baby interest. Each officer and teacher wore a bib bearing the slogan, "A Christian Home for Every Baby". The entire program set forth the value and needs of these two departments and has a unique and impressive meeting.

The Friendship Baptist Church No. 2, Tallahatchie association, honored the returned service men at the regular meeting on March 17, with Pastor L. F. Fowler in charge. A very appropriate program was enjoyed with 22 ex-service men present. Friendship No. 2 enjoys half time services and a standard Sunday school. The church also has the Every Family plan of the Baptist Record.—Mrs. L. W. Graves, reporter.

The church at Duncan is showing great response to the leadership of Pastor H. Grady Wilkes. Since January the Sunday school has doubled. Last fall the offerings averaged around \$200 a month, and are close to \$500 now. There have been 16 additions the past three months, and three are waiting baptism now. A Training Union has been organized and has made a good start. The church had an architect from Memphis to see the property. Plans are under way to remodel the church and build an annex. In addition to regular offerings bonds are being donated for the building program. The pastor and the people are happy over the challenge of the future in this progressive Delta section.

Recent losses in the ranks of our Southern Baptist missionaries are Dr. C. A. Hayes, who spent forty years in China, who died February 25; and Miss Naomi Elizabeth Schell of Japan, who died February 23 in Asheville, N. C. Both of these missionaries had rendered distinguished service.

At Antioch church, No. 2, in Alcorn Association, Rev. A. B. Jones of Potts Camp was the visiting preacher in a revival March 25-31. His messages were fine and will prove to be good seed planted in the community to bear fruit at the next revival season which will begin the first Sunday in August. The church and the pastor alike received blessings from the services. The week was one of bad, rainy weather. But the visiting preacher wore his boots and never missed a service. Good crowds at the evening services and fair attendance in the mornings marked the series. One member was added to the church. Dr. Jones has been invited to hold the August revival, also, as the church found him to be as fine as Secretary D. A. McCall had said he was.—J. M. Strickland, acting church clerk.

The evangelistic fires are already burning in First Baptist Church, McComb. There were six additions for baptism last Sunday, four of whom were grown people. A revival is scheduled for April 21-28 with Dr. E. Gibson Davis of Spartanburg, South Carolina, as preacher, and Mr. John Campbell, lyric tenor, of New York City, as special soloist.

E. A. Bates of the Leland Baptist church has made a second gift of \$1,000 through the Special Gifts Committee in the Mississippi College Campaign. This makes \$6,000 sent through the committee from Leland to date, according to the chairman, Dr. R. B. Gunter, and the Leland church has not yet made the church offerings to this campaign.

In a recent letter, Charlie Webb, pastor at Superior Avenue Baptist church in Bogalusa, sends greeting to his former co-workers in Mississippi. He was pastor at Flora before entering the chaplaincy. His work in Louisiana is going fine, having 300 in Sunday school last week, with a goal of 400 by the end of April. The church sends 23 per cent of the budget offerings for the co-operative program. Their mission gift in March was \$111. This church led its association in gifts to outside causes last month, having sent almost \$600 to their Baptist headquarters.

Booneville First Baptist church, under Pastor L. G. Sansing, is moving forward. In a recent Training Union revival they had an average attendance at the study course of 65 per night. The closing session featured a supper, in which fine fellowship and good spirit marked the occasion. Taylor Smith is the new director and has led out in an excellent manner. The revival will be held in the church May 5-12, with Pastor Sansing preaching and Ray F. Dykes of Meridian leading the singing. The church will observe Youth Week also. Pastor and people are busy and happy as they face the future.

Carthage: A. D. Richardson is our new Training Union Director. The election was made in church conference, April 3. The new director is well qualified for the important position to which he has been elected, having served in like capacity before. It looks like "full speed ahead" for Carthage B.T.U.—Reporter.

News of the marriage of Lt. Alton E. Harvey, assistant to the pastor at Brookhaven, First Baptist, has been received. Lt. Harvey is away on leave of absence in the armed forces. The marriage took place in San Diego, Calif.

FELIX ARNOLD COMPLETES CHAPLAIN SERVICE

Lieutenant John Felix Arnold, Chaplain Corps, United States Naval Reserve, who has served on active duty with the Navy for the past thirty-four months, is being released from the service this month. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Boykins, Virginia, and before that was Assistant Minister at the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is a native Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, receiving the Th.M. degree from that institution in 1936, and remaining for an additional year as Fellow to Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins in the Department of Church Efficiency. While at the Seminary he was a member of the outstanding quartet which was heard widely over the south on the radio, in Evangelistic meetings and on programs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During his 34 months in the Navy, Chaplain Arnold served at the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, where his ministry reached literally thousands of men each week, and the last year and a half aboard the U. S. S. Noble, an Attack Transport, in the Pacific. His ship took part in the invasion of Okinawa, and in the occupation of Korean and North China ports, and in the evacuation of Allied Prisoners of War from those areas.

While on terminal leave, Chaplain Arnold will make his residence at Shannon, Mississippi.

Bethel Church Registers Fine Growth

Since the beginning of the church year, when Bethel, in Pearl River Association, started full time work, great progress has been noted. A Woman's Missionary Society with 27 members has been organized. These women are promoting the mission work in a great way.

A Training Union has been started and the first study course held, showed 75 awards given. The Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record has increased from 32 to 57 subscribers.

There were six additions in March, two by letter and four conversions.

Plans have been made for a Vacation Bible School the last week in May and a revival the first week in June.—Tom Pfeifer, Pastor.

Miss Nannie L. Price, treasurer, Union Hall Sunday School (Lincoln County) recently sent a list of new subscriptions. The Record is thankful for this list. W. S. Landrum is pastor of the church.

T. E. Tate of Holmesville Church, Pike County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

Dr. George W. Sadler is expected to return from Europe and the Near East sometime in April. As soon as he returns we shall pass on to Southern Baptists the experiences and impressions of that trip.

Dr. R. B. Gunter, chairman of the Special Gifts Committee in the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign has announced that the total in gifts through this committee has passed the \$81,000 mark.

The Amoma Class of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, gives \$1,000 for the support of a foreign missionary.

AGED MINISTERS DESERVE BETTER SUPPORT

One of the greatest causes of Christ among Southern Baptists is supporting our aged Ministers. They deserve far more than they have or ever will receive in the way of financial remuneration. These are the Evangelists of the Cross who "denied themselves and took up their crosses" with absolutely no assurance of any financial support. In fact, very few of them were paid expenses of travel to say nothing in support of their families. These are the men who organized most of the churches found in our state, preached in school houses, at the crossroads, in the homes and elsewhere. Those of us who are the leaders of today are enjoying many of the fruits of their labors. These dear souls are now retired without an income.

Can we say, "Let someone else support them?" We cannot, but we will receive a special offering for Aged Ministers Relief during the month of April on the Sunday the Lord's Supper is observed. Our state's goal is \$10,000. Let us not fail to open our hearts and purses for this worthy cause.—A. A. Ward, Committee Member.

Southside church, Jackson recently enjoyed a revival indeed, in which Rev. A. B. Pierce of Ruston, La., was the visiting evangelist. There were twenty one additions. The members of the church were revived and inspired to a fuller service for the Lord. The revival did not close with the closing message. It continues in the lives and hearts of the people and they are moving steadfastly on toward goals recently set.—Rev. Percy M. Cooper, Pastor.

The Terry church will begin a revival on Easter Sunday. The opening service will be a musical offering under the leadership of the local church group, and W. L. Compere of Jackson, the evangelist, will arrive to preach that night. Silas Harrington will be singer for the services. Thurman Booth is pastor.

Better Homes Library Now Available

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This war torn world needs spiritual uplift and if we are to have a better world we must have better homes. The six books listed below have been selected with a view to improving our home life. The first two deal with the home as an institution. The discussions are from a biblical standpoint. It emphasizes all family relations and stresses the family altar.

The second two books emphasize the importance and value of Bible Study, which is absolutely necessary to building better homes.

The last two treat on prayer life. These books, when read and their teachings practiced, will bring blessings to any home. All are published by the Moody Press, and the cost for the six is only \$1.00. If to be sent by mail add ten cents for postage.

For these books (1) How to Have a Happy Home, (2) Making the Home Happy, (3) Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study, (4) The Importance and Value of Proper Bible Study, (5) Prevailing Prayer and (6) How to Pray See or write C. S. Wales, Blue Mountain, Miss., special representative of Moody Press.

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MRS. ADRIAN D. ROUND

NEW EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR CHOSEN

Mrs. Adrian D. Round, who has served as church secretary at the First Baptist church in Laurel for the past two years, has been elected as Educational Director, and began her new work April 1. Regarding Mrs. Round, the pastor, James W. Parrish, has the following to say:

"To this position Mrs. Round brings a gracious and charming personality, a rich Christian experience, character, consecration, and talent. Mrs. Round was reared in Laurel and her usefulness was first discovered and encouraged by Rev. and Mrs. James H. Street when they served West Laurel Baptist Church. With a deep love for God and His Christ, a yearning love for people, this fine servant of the Master will sow and reap graciously among us."

—BR—

Greenville First Breaks Records

From a report made by Mrs. Roy Wood, church secretary of the First Baptist church at Greenville, we quote the following excerpts which indicate the progress being made:

Morning and evening services on Sunday have capacity crowds, and additions are coming each Sunday, 92 having joined since last November. Fifteen await baptism.

Last week we broke three new records: 180 attended our BTU training course, sixty five of them being adults; last Sunday our Sunday School went over the 500 mark in attendance, and the BTU now stands at 150 attending. The Pastor teaches one great Baptist doctrine every Sunday morning in his message, and even our youngest members now know why they are Baptists. Two wide-awake Adult Training Unions are developing and our prayer services are featured by the Pastor's answering Bible Questions which trouble the individual. The church finances were never in better condition and "no cork-screw methods" are needed. One hundred and fifty two tithers are reported and the pastor uses an active and inactive roll in discriminating between members.

The new church building plan will be presented by the architects in a few days, after it is approved by the building committee. We can hardly accomodate the present attendance. A Baptist Brotherhood will be inaugurated by the Pastor on April 11, and he states that the "priest of every home" should be studying the church program as a group.

At the moment our Pastor is look-

FIRST CHURCH, McCOMB, LOSES SECRETARY, PASTOR PAYS TRIBUTE

Miss Mattie Mae Burkett, who for five years has been the church secretary at First Baptist McComb has resigned to accept a place at the Trinity church in Lake Charles, La. The tribute paid by Pastor Wyatt Hunter to her work is in part, as follows:

Her interest in the work from the beginning has been deep and genuine. She has a deep love in her heart for the Lord and people, and consequently identified herself with every worthy cause that honored Him and helped others.

Her consecration is unquestioned. In every possible way in handling the responsibilities of the church office with all the finances she has revealed

her honesty and integrity. She proved herself trustworthy in every responsibility.

Miss Burkett has unusual initiative. Her interest, training and experience have qualified her in a great degree to perform capably the many duties offered to one in her position.

Her character is above reproach. Miss Burkett has been a tremendous influence for good among the young people whom she dearly loves. She has conducted herself in all circumstances in such a way as to adorn the doctrine which we preach.

Her zeal is unflagging. She is a prodigious worker with almost indefatigable energies. Her presence and help will be missed in every department.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Rocky Creek, George Co.	91	51
S. S. B. T. U.		
Mantee	125	
Louisville	400	105
West Corinth	165	87
Slayden	68	34
New Albany, First	519	312
Ecu	168	38
Paynes, Tallahatchie Co.	156	74
Providence, Lauderdale Co.	41	
West Point	412	112
Houlka, Chickasaw Co.	82	35
Wallerville	78	65
Corinth, First	206	60
Enon, Panola Co.	62	60
Bruce	179	49
Liberty	67	
Pascagoula, First	522	115
Wellman, Lincoln Co.	52	70
Centreville	158	36
Picayune, First	335	79
New Zion, Copiah Co.	91	63
Friendship, Kreole	47	50
Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave.	179	92
Bowmar Avenue including		
Culkin Mission	207	
Brookhaven, First	579	145
Philadelphia, Lincoln Co.	50	55
Union, Lincoln Co.	58	58
Spring Hill, Simpson Co	59	
West Laurel	438	116
Laurel, First	577	125
Pascagoula, Eastside	82	23
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	554	279
Jackson, First	1,155	256
Jackson, Calvary	1,242	270
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,287	
Jackson, Northside	232	78
Daniel, Hinds Co.	146	77
Hattiesburg, Petal-Harvey	273	102
Greenwood, First	573	
Batesville	207	83
Jackson, Parkway	501	173
Byram, Hinds Co.	67	53
Summit	188	134
March 31, 1946		
Union, Lincoln Co.	43	60
Centreville	161	39
Rocky Creek, George Co.	128	39
Providence, Lauderdale Co.	51	
Clarke-Venable, Decatur	186	103
Argicola	71	55

ing for an educational Director. He wants somebody who is a personal soul-winner, someone interested in youth vitally, and a song-leader. The latter qualification is not absolutely necessary however. Rev. Chester Quarles, who visited our Training Course last week, declared: "I haven't seen such a spirit, except at Ridgecrest". As our leader says: "The church reached this position on its knees".

—BR—

"We do our people an injustice when we let them stay in a church year by year and never make a worthy contribution to the Lord's work." — J. R. Jester.

Dr. T. D. Brown To Lead Tupelo Revival

Dr. F. M. Powell, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, announces the Spring Revival Sunday, April 7-17, with Dr. A. D. Brown, pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg, doing the preaching and Rev. E. C. Edwards, pastor at Baldwin, helping with the singing.

Paul Ballard, choir director, has been working for sometime building up the choir and featuring special choruses with a great group of young people, who will comprise most of the choir during the revival. He is ably assisted by Mrs. George W. Davis, organist.

Calvary Church has just completed two Study Courses, one for the Sunday School, March 11-15, and one for the Training Union, March 25-29. At the last officers and teachers meeting, Medford Leake, superintendent of the Sunday School, announced a 30 per cent increase in the past year. The training Union, under the direction of Herbert L. Green, is showing a substantial increase. The church maintains continued and growing interest in the entire missionary enterprise and the Woman's Missionary Society is vigorously responding to the new president, Mrs. W. E. Pegues. —Ora Slocum, Church Secretary.

volumes, with Miss Mary Inez War-nock as Librarian, indicate progress.

The Church will begin a series of revival services on April 21 with Rev. Earney Walker doing the preaching and Raymond Marston, Jackson, directing the music.

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MR. WM. P. PHILLIPS

Mr. Wm. P. Phillips, superintendent of Adult work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the Adult conferences at our two Sunday School Conventions — Hattiesburg, Main Street Baptist Church, April 23-24, and Jackson, First Baptist Church, April 25-26.

Surely many of our workers with adults will want to take advantage of this high privilege with this capable leader who has meant so much to so many during these years he has spent in the Sunday School field. Don't miss it.

Those V. B. S. Clinics

Folders giving the complete schedule for the entire state have already gone out to all pastors, Sunday School superintendents, associational leaders, associational missionaries, etc., in the interest of the 70 Vacation Bible School clinics—one in every association—during the three days of April 15, 16, 17.

We have never done such a thing before. Let's make it as near 100% as we can in the number of churches represented. No one will have far to go. There are 24 capable workers who will lead in these clinics. The time is next week. Let us work and pray for 70 great meetings in the interest of those schools this year that will mean so much to the boys and girls who need just such teaching and training. Only one day—five hours—for each church, so get a good group of your people lined up and attend yours. Each one going carries lunch. We did not want to make it hard on the host churches.

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MRS. JOE JONES

Mrs. Joe Jones, Approved State Junior worker for Alabama, is coming to help our workers with Juniors at our two Sunday School Conventions in Hattiesburg and Jackson, April 23-26. Surely there are many who work in this great department who will eagerly seize this opportunity to hear this excellent worker from our neighbor state.

Leflore County Training

The Sunday School Department is happy to cooperate in an association-wide program of training in Leflore county the week of May 27-31. A central school is being planned by Mr. S. A. Thompson, the associational Sunday School superintendent, and Dr. R. A. Tullis, superintendent of training. The prospects are bright for a great week of it. Many other associations should do likewise.

That April Training

Do not miss out on the opportunity to help your people to be better trained in April. This is the spring month for Sunday School training. So, Brother pastor and superintendent, be sure to get in a fine class in April. Any month is a good one to help people know more and do better.

And use the new book, BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES. It is just off the press, and is a great book by a great author. A free copy of it will be given to any pastor who will teach it in his church. So, get in on it now while there is time to do the best planning for it. We never lose when we spend time helping our people to know more about what they are doing. We may not do all we know, but we will do more as we know more.

Southwide Intermediate Day

Sunday, April 28, is Southwide Intermediate Day. This is a Southern Baptist program to help our young people. It is a special emphasis to help our growing boys and girls and young people. If you want a special leaflet of suggestions, write to Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and she will be glad to send you some. This will give ideas of how best to use the time of that day. Plan this for your Intermediates. They will respond and will appreciate it.

1945 Was Good Year For State Baptists

Figures Given By Statistician

Through a report presented by Dr. Porter Routh, of Nashville, Mississippi Baptists learned that Mississippi Baptists gifts were over a million dollars higher in 1946 than in 1944.

Dr. Routh is the statistician for the Southern Baptist Convention, and was in Jackson to confer with officials of the Baptist headquarters and is attending some of the sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Moderators and Clerks, Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood, and the Women's Missionary Union convention.

Facts concerning Baptists as revealed by Mr. Routh are as follows: There are 1,566 churches in the state, which represents a gain of ten over the previous year. In 1945 Mississippi counted 1,113 ordained ministers, which included 52 ordained during the year.

In 1944 Mississippi Baptist churches had 315,083 members; in 1945 the churches had 324,194 members, a gain of 9,111. There were 13,249 baptisms in 1945. State Baptist Sunday schools numbered 1,426 in 1945, a gain of 14 over the previous year. The enrollment in the Sunday School in 1945 was 149,235, up 5,050 over 1944.

Eight new churches were erected by Baptists in 1945, bringing the total church houses up to 1,511. Eight new pastors' homes were also erected during the past year in the state bringing the total up to 293.

The value of church property owned by Mississippi Baptists increased by \$740,769 during 1945, making the total church property in the state worth \$11,829,121.

For local gifts Mississippi Baptists contributed \$3,426,964 which was \$771,290 more than previously given. Gifts to foreign missions were 268,532 higher in 1945 than in 1944 with the totals being \$1,070,005. A combined total of all gifts by Mississippi Baptists was \$4,496,969 as against \$3,457,147 in 1944. The total gain was -1,039,822.

It is late to mention the revival at the Baptist Church in Liberty in March with Rev. Barney Walker preaching, and Rev. and Mrs. "Happy" White leading the music, but there have been many expressions of appreciation of this meeting, and how the messages in sermon and song will live on in the hearts of the listeners, though late, not too late to tell. Several close of the meeting — last Sunday have united with the church since day, March 31, one came by letter and two for baptism.—Reporter.

Enrollment At Mississippi College Continues To Mount

Almost 500 students are attending college at Mississippi College this term, and a total of approximately 700 has enrolled during the year.

Of this number now in school 224 are veterans. There are 136 unmarried ex-service men and 88 married men among the veterans on the Choctaw campus now.

There are 163 women enrolled at this time, and the remainder are men. The urgent need for a girls dormitory is acute, according to Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, general director of the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign which is this month featuring special gifts through envelopes dedicated to Christian Education funds.

The professional group contains the following divisions of veterans on the campus; study for the ministry, 49; studying to be dentists, 16; studying to be chemists 5. There are also students who plan to be lawyers, accountants and other leaders.

An additional grant of trailer homes has been made, making the available number 50, and this has entailed re-surveying of the plot on which these homes will be located. Work is progressing as rapidly as possible with the torrential rains which have been falling since the project was started.

The trailers are expected to begin arriving daily. Dean of Hillman Division M.P.L. Berry is handling details of personnel regarding ex-service men interested in the living quarters, and is proving a real friend to all of them.

Church Secretary Employed

Mrs. Ray Englehart has been employed by the Terry church to serve as librarian and church secretary, according to Pastor Thurman Booth, who holds this as great step forward. Mrs. Englehart comes well qualified for the place, and is doing a very fine job.

Sunday school attendance records for the present pastorate were broken the last Sunday in March. Four additions to the church were reported for that day, also.

The church is completing a recreation center behind the building where Christian, supervised recreation will be featured.

Would you like to make the world safe from war? Then, help to make enough people throughout the world REALLY Christian immediately. Many God-called, Christ-filled foreign missionaries are needed for immediate appointment. Write to J. W. Marshall, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Virginia.



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However hard it tried,
Could never sink a ship unless it got
inside.

All the evil in the world, The wicked-
ness and sin,
Can never sink your soul's fair craft
unless you let it in.

—S.B.C. Bulletin.

A SOCIAL CANCER

The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will prove futile. There must be not attempt to regulate the cancer. It must be eradicated—not a root must be left behind for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink.—Abraham Lincoln.

Congratulations to Mr. P. D. Lee on his election to the high office of Training Union Director of the First Church Starkville. Surely there is no more important office in the church. The director has the responsibility of enlisting, through his organization, all the church members and training them as efficient laborers in the vineyard of the Master. Congratulations are also in order to Mrs. Harold Douglas as she assumes the leadership of the Junior Union in this same good church. It would be hard to think of a more challenging task than this one—starting off the youngest church members in the right way, helping them to assume the responsibility that rests on the shoulders of these beginners in the church life.

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Mississippi re-organizes their Training Union work. We appreciate a word from Mrs. H. E. Scrivner who has been elected director of the Training Union. They want to make this union a REAL training service of the church. It is the unpopular, and shall we say "unusual", thing now for a Baptist church not to have a good Training Union. Our pastors and people realize that it is just as important to develop a young Christian as it is to give training physically or mentally to our children. Congratulations Rome.

A SONG FOR YOU TO SING

Tune—My Dreams Are Getting Better
All the Time.

O, what do you think our leader said
to me last night?

Our Unions' getting better all the time.
We're going to reach the standard if
you'll just sit tight,

Our Unions' getting better all the time.
Just think how poor our grades were
a couple of months ago!

Never over sixty, and sometimes way
below;

But we're alert, we're on the job, our
goals' in sight,

Our Unions' getting better all the time.

"Yes, its the Standard for my union," said one director recently. "I've studied it and see nothing in it that a union could not reach if they half tried". I like this spirit, and we want you to study the standard also and see just how easy it could be attained. It's just a matter of getting your officers and leaders together and making some definite plans for it. Try it, won't you? If you need wall size copies of the Standard we will be happy to send them to you.

We issued 814 study course awards in February. Pearl River association led with 172; Lincoln came next with 118; Lauderdale third with 101. The other associations asking for awards during the month were, Calhoun, Columbus, Adams-Franklin, Hinds-Warren, Jones, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha Co., Perry, Sunflower, Tippah, Walthall, Wayne. We want to have awards going to EVERY association this year.

New Hope Church in Lauderdale Association honors Mr. H. D. Walker by electing him Training Union Director. We appreciate a word from Mrs. H. L. Walker telling us about the new interest in the Training Union work, one sentence we quote—"Our pastor, Rev. D. L. Stennis, is gloriously leading us in our Training Union work". We have no fear of the outcome of any church or training union when the pastor is giving it his interest, time, and prayers.

STANDARD UNIONS for last year encourage us. We had, for at least one quarter in the year, 56 unions qualifying for standard awards. Of course we will do much better than that this year. We think we will easily double this number. Begin singing the song given in this issue of the Record. Sing it until it becomes a reality. Make your union a standard union, a standard union is a BETTER union.

Rushbrooke Is Chairman Of Baptist Reconstruction In Europe

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, President
of the Baptist World Alliance

The special committee of the British Baptist Union dealing with the allocation and administration of the Baptist Reconstruction Fund for Europe (of which I am chairman) has taken some preliminary decisions. Five hundred pounds has been set aside for France, and similar amounts for Norway and Holland; four hundred and fifty pounds for Finland; three hundred pounds for Italy; and fifty pounds for Belgium. In these and other countries the British are cooperating with American and Canadian Baptists, and the Baptist World Alliance is also taking part.

The British Committee has also decided to send books to seminaries on the Continent. Gifts of used clothing have been made through the Baptist Women's League in London to France, Belgium and Holland.

The Baptist World Alliance has funds in hand for the help of Czechoslovakia and remittances will be made as soon as the precise needs are known and government regulations permit.

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance has been for some weeks on this side of the Atlantic. Most of the time has been spent in Britain where he has been a welcome visitor among the churches. He has also visited Holland and France; and as I write the news comes that he is leaving Paris for the American zone in Germany. This is altogether good, for direct contact with the German Baptists has been too long delayed. Our people in other

lands are craving for direct news of them, especially of their life and work during the years of Nazi rule, and of the present spiritual condition of the churches.

Baptists are playing a full part in renewing and emphasizing their historic witness at this time. It was good to read of the energetic steps taken at San Francisco on behalf of the American Baptist Public Relations Committee and the Alliance. When the Conference of Foreign Secretaries assembled in London, I had the privilege of submitting statements which were circulated to all the members and received an emphatic endorsement from the British foreign secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin. They urged the need of incorporating in the treaties quite specific provisions for ensuring complete religious liberty. In this matter we have a duty to speak, for others—including even very many evangelicals—hesitate and qualify. Religious liberty and equality before the law are by no means the accepted creed of "Christendom."

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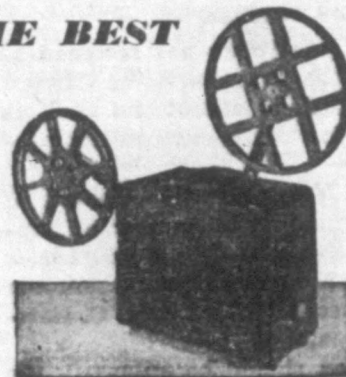
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Doctors—You are needed in Africa and China NOW! At least seven of the eight Southern Baptist hospitals in China will be rehabilitated but we have only three doctor missionaries in the Orient at this time. The need is just as great in Africa. Medical mission volunteers are urged to write to J. W. Marshall, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Virginia.

Total Home Mission Board receipts for 1945 were \$1,597,110, a 35.9 per cent increase over 1944 receipts, Dr. J. B. Lawrence has announced.

Go the second mile. Go far beyond the program of your church in doing those little kindly, thoughtful things which identify the real Christian and carry so much weight with an unbelieving, skeptical world. — K. Owen White in The Teacher.

Decisions are made each day about many things, but the most important decision of life is in the realm of spiritual matters. Decide now for Christ and let the firm purpose of your heart remain fixed on his way of life. In such an hour all the forces of God's universe draw the heart toward the high road.—Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., in Sunday School Builder.

We cannot make a boy and girl fall in love, but we can introduce them to each other. We cannot make anyone fall in love with Christ. However, we can introduce people to him. We can do this by telling them what Christ means to us. Better still, we can demonstrate what it means to have Christ as our friend.—Carl M. Townsend in The Teacher.

Dr. C. E. Matthews has resigned as pastor of the Travis Avenue Church in Fort Worth to accept the work as leader of the Texas evangelistic program.

The Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis was first in number of baptisms for 1945 with 281. R. G. Lee is the pastor, Kelham Avenue, Oklahoma City, was second with 277. R. C. Howard is the pastor.

... Vision should be enlarged. We never go beyond our vision. We have to see it or we will never do it. Too many people expect a saturation point. They cannot see beyond.—W. R. White in Sunday School Builder.

Much needless quibbling is indulged in on the subject of what one should or should not do on the Lord's Day. The only satisfactory answer for the honest Christian can be found in simply referring the matter to Jesus. It is surprising how easily Jesus solves our problems if we honestly seek His advice.—John L. Hill in Baptist Training Union Magazine.

In the life of a nation the conduct of the people on the Lord's Day is a good test of how Christian the nation is.—J. E. Lambdin in Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Chaplain Arthur T. Engell, 1503 Seventeenth avenue, Meridian, plans to enter the Southern Seminary for post graduate work after his release from the service after 41 months. He was 22 months in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. He also was in Czechoslovakia, Austria and Holland. He was awarded six bronze stars for battle campaigns. He also received the bronze star medal for meritorious service, and holds the rank of Major. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary.

Perhaps the youth of our churches should put on a crusade to lead the adults into a deeper church loyalty and richer Christian service.—J. E. Lambdin in Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Pastor Harry A. Borah of Sturgis writes: "The churches of Sturgis and Morgan Chapel in Oktibbeha county form an interesting field. The people of both churches have entered readily into every undertaking suggested. The Sturgis church over-paid the suggested goal for the Mississippi College Campaign, and the offering at Morgan Chapel was good. These churches are co-operating with all the denominational program."

News item: Rev. R. B. Patterson, Associational Missionary recently conducted a spring revival at Pittsboro Rev. Jesse S. Dorroh, pastor. There were five professions of faith and two by letter. Mr. Dorroh is doing a good work there even as he has done in other places in the past. The love offering that was taken at the close of the meeting was given to the enlargement campaign of Mississippi College and was over \$150.

At Main Street church in Hattiesburg, to date 308 have signed the tithers' cards indicating they will return a tenth of their income, according to news received. Others are expected. John Barnes is pastor.

Due to unavoidable circumstances the cross word puzzle will not appear in this week's issue but will appear next week and each week thereafter.

The Executive Committee of the Pontotoc Association at a recent meeting voted to accept the apportionment for the Mississippi College Enlargement campaign, according to Jackson.

Brookhaven: Wellman Church, Lincoln County, had a B.T.U. study course March 18-22. The Adults studied "Our Doctrines", taught by the pastor, Rev. Orman Knight; A. S. Minton, from First Church, Brookhaven, taught "The Eternal King" to the Young People; "Growing In Bible Knowledge" was taught to the Intermediates by Mr. Pearly Young of Brookhaven; and Mrs. Pearly Young taught the Manual to the Juniors. Sixty-one awards, seals and diplomas, will be given for this week's study. R. L. Adams is Training Union Director and Mrs. L. J. Brister is Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. William Smith, Corresponding secretary.

The editor of the National Voice writes of a New Liquor Ad Crusade. Annual Church Conferences of Church bodies have endorsed it. He says it is easy, it is simple and it is effective. All one has to do is clip from his local newspaper the liquor ads, and write across the top, "I object to liquor ads in your paper"; sign your name and mail in an envelope to the publisher of the paper, from which the ads were clipped. This is something all can do. Bring this matter to groups of which you are a member. Christian leaders from coast to coast are enthusiastic over the plan.

The last Sunday in March at Main Street church in Hattiesburg great rejoicing swept over the pastor and the congregation as three of the fine young people dedicated their lives for full time Christian service. Pastor John Barnes names these as follows: Dorothy Poore and Katherine Delk, volunteers for mission service, and Eugene Clement for the ministry.

Methodist Acceptance Of Racing Club Donation Creates Stir

MELBORNE, Australia (By Wireless to RNS) — The Methodist Conference of Victoria has created a stir in religious circles here by accepting a donation from the Moonee Valley Racing Club toward a local youth campaign fund.

Previously, church authorities in

Tasmania had refused a similar gift from Tattersalls, leading sports club, on the ground that offerings from organizations "promoting influences detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of the community" were "not acceptable."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By REV. R. A. EDDLEMAN

APRIL 7TH, 1921

Dr. W. D. Powell is in the midst of a two weeks revival with pastor Whitfield at McComb.

Pastor G. W. Riley of Griffith Memorial church, will begin soon a series of revival meetings in Missouri, the first meeting being with the Lockwood first church. Prof. J. A. Brown, the great soloist and harper, may join him there.

Dr. James B. Leavell has just closed a two weeks meeting in his church at Houston, Texas, with 309 additions. They have held the last service in the old church which will give way for the great building which will be begun immediately. On Sunday April the 3rd there were 121 additions to the church.

Pastor W. A. Hewitt was assisted by Rev. Zeno Wall in the First church Jackson, for two weeks. It was a great meeting in which 119 people united with the church, more than half of them by baptism.

Students of Mississippi College at Clinton all knew Captain Lewis whose home was in Clinton longer than almost any other man in the town. He was Captain of the Mississippi College Rifles and made a good soldier in the Army of Virginia during the civil war. He passed away at the age of 86 on March 30th.

The Watchman-Examiner says: The only happy and efficient way to give is to give proportionately. The tithe is a good starting point. It is not a legalistic obligation, but it is a sensible method. It should never be the measure of the giving of one who can afford to give more.

R. A. EDDLEMAN.

Endville Baptists Report Progress

Increasing numbers and enthusiasm are reported from Endville church, following a great day March 24. The goal of 100 for Sunday School had been set, while the enrollment had been 80 for some time. During the preceding week, the Sunday School superintendent and his wife made a house-to-house canvass for the work in the community, taking a census. The secretary's report showed 102 in classes, and numbers arriving too late to be counted on the report.

Pastor R. L. Ray of Pontotoc leads in a fine way. His sermon subjects were, "The Remaining Jesus," and "Jesus, Our Advocate." The house was full for both services and the offering amounted to \$102. Efforts are continued for increasing the number of people studying the Bible each Sunday.

J. W. Simmons is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Dr. M. E. Dodd Begins 35th Year

Dr. M. E. Dodd begins his 35th year as pastor of First Baptist church, Shreveport on Sunday April 7. His 34th year was one of the best, with 756 additions to the membership, and \$182,000.00 in contributions.

During the 34 years the church has received 12,000 members and has given \$3,667,219.78 to all purposes. Fifteen other Baptist churches have been organized in Shreveport during this time, two of which now have over 2000 members, which were supported with both money and members from First Church.

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Home Mission Emphasis Observed By MSCW students

The M.S.C.W. Workshop programs during the week of March 11-16 were devoted to the Home Mission theme. Each day at the noon hour emphasis was placed on the work, needs and possibilities of the home mission field. Speakers for the week included Missionary Boyd Armstrong, Mrs. S. B. Platt, Sr., Mrs. F. R. Fancher and Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor of First Church.

The Y.W.A. program was on "Lights for the Home Mission Field." This was given on Thursday night of that week and the Annie W. Armstrong offering was taken.—Reporter.

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E. C. J. C. Planning For Retreat
East Central Junior College and the Baptist Church at Decatur are enthusiastically planning for the Spring retreat the last Friday and Saturday of this month. Pastor Hogan and Mrs. Janie Sullivan, East Central BSU faculty adviser, are, together with the students, working hard to make our stay with them physically comfortable and spiritually profitable. We're expecting a great Retreat. Plan to go. Right away write either Pastor W. A. Hogan or Mrs. Sullivan that you want meals and mattress (board and room, if you prefer) while there. Remember, they need to know who's coming as soon as possible.

Pray earnestly these days that God's choices, and not ours, which might be based on looks, popularity, or politics, will be made for our state and local officers for the coming year. Remember, the state officers are to be elected at the Retreat.

Dot Lee Jefferson and her State Council have been working hard on the program which promises to be a plenty good one. Incidentally, the program begins at five Friday afternoon and closes around five Saturday afternoon. There's going to be plenty of eating and edification there, so don't miss it.

Summer Work Plans Should Be Made

Those of you who plan to take a vacation from school in the summer, do you plan to vacation from the work of Christ also? Volunteer to participate in the revival or Vacation Bible School or some other phase of your home church life this summer. Or, if you're interested in participating in a student revival or two, send me your name. We hope you students will hold many revivals throughout the State this summer. Volunteer for them di-

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SOLDIER AND JOURNALIST PLEADS FOR REVIVAL AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS

(The editor has received a letter from Frank Burkhalter, now at Biarritz American University, where he has been teaching courses in Journalism to boys awaiting their turn to come home from France. He was formerly head of the Department of Journalism at Baylor University. We share excerpts of the letter.)

Although many worth objectives have been attained by Southern Baptists in recent years, this writer has a growing conviction, which he has reason to believe is shared by many others, that the thing which we Baptists need today above everything else is a general, genuine, heart-penetrating revival of spiritual religion.

Eight Reasons A Revival Is Needed

Such a revival is needed, among other considerations, for the following compelling reasons:

1. As individual Christians we Baptists need to be brought into a more intimate contact and fellowship with God that will enable us to command His power in the execution of His program. A spirit of conformity with worldly standards, in both thought and conduct, has penetrated many of our minds and hearts to the point that we have lost much of the genuine joy of religion.

2. Such a revival is needed to afford us a new conviction that the millions of unsaved persons immediately about us are lost, and that we have an individual

rectly to some pastor or indirectly to me.

Ridgecrest Hath Charms . . .

Mississippi's quota for Ridgecrest this year is 125. Better get your name in to me if you want to go. Dot Lee says a whole bus load of Blue Mountain beauties have signed up, and I've heard indirectly that M. S. C. W., is a-going, too. See your Council Ridgecrest representative or your Council president about it right away. More about Ridgecrest later. The date: June 5-12.

Peregrinations of Last Week

Eva Lois, that's my wife, and I took up a whole afternoon of Dot Lee's spring holidays finding out about the Retreat and the BSU in general. Enjoyed being with our out-going State president who has, as you know, given us a wonderful example of state leadership.

Riley and Sue Munday are very happy over at Cleveland. Enjoyed eating with them and others at the Delta State Home Ec. Practice House. Afterwards a get-acquainted meeting with some old and new council members was likewise enjoyed. Riley "caught me up" on BSU. He and Sue and Linda are mighty fine people.

At Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, Joyce Taylor, of the faculty, and Jack Walton, a student, were very cordial and kind about telling me of the BSU there. Missed seeing the president of the college, but enjoyed talking with the dean. Heard that somebody well known is going to be their student secretary next fall.

Lorayne Vick, a faculty member but young and in love with a boy I know, was very nice at Holmes Junior, Goodman. So were Mrs. Mansell, religious leader on the campus, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, of the faculty. Made short talk on Matt. 16:24 to the regular weekly prayer meeting for all denominations. Later met some Baptist boys and girls in the girls' dormitory lobby. They were an interesting and interested group. Had a profitable time, I believe.

responsibility to lead them to the Saviour. 3. We ourselves need reviving so that our lives may testify to the fact that we have been with Jesus, and that we possess within our souls a treasure which all the world needs and may have.

4. Furthermore, our churches need to become positive, alert, and inviting soul-saving stations that will attract unsaved adults, as well as the children.

5. Such a Southwide revival would bring many church members to a daily study of God's Word and the establishment of family altars. Such a development would make a tremendous contribution toward curbing divorces and juvenile delinquency, and toward elevating social life.

6. A deep, penetrating revival would create in the churches a hospitable atmosphere for the fuller spiritual growth of the members, new and old.

7. A spiritual awakening that would bring individual Christians to face frankly their full duty in every realm of life would produce a practice of Christian stewardship that would make available to the churches and all the agencies of the denomination, the resources sorely needed to enable them to expand their ministries in this day of "open doors" at home and around the world.

8. Today we need an infilling of the Holy Spirit more than we need an ingathering of numbers; but if we had the infilling, the ingathering and the power, would assume Pentecostal proportions.

Religion Has Not Kept Pace With Science

Such a revival is the only force that can enable the spiritual progress in the world to even approximate the advance that has been made in scientific realms. Religion has not kept pace with science primarily because Christians haven't worked at the job like the scientists have at theirs. Religion has at its command a force more powerful than the atomic bomb, the energy of the Holy Spirit! But very few of us have had the faith, courage, and devotion to avail ourselves of that power.

No matter how cordially all members of the United Nations operate in the procedures promulgated by that body, a universal, just, and durable peace can be produced and maintained only if it is undergirded by a positive Christian religion.

With their numbers, resources, organization, leadership and orthodoxy. Southern Baptists, with the help of God, are in a position to make a truly significant contribution to world welfare. God not only has the power to revive his people, but He has pointed out the road to such revival in I Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

To believe that it is possible for Southern Baptists to inaugurate the greatest revival that the SOUTH, AMERICA, or the WORLD has ever witnessed, we need

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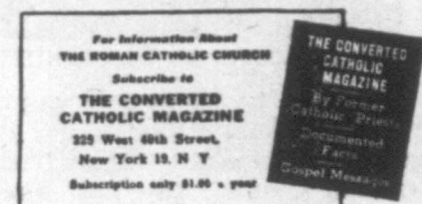
only re-examine the scope of only four of God's promises quoted below, and heed Paul's exhortation, "Pray without ceasing."

"With God ALL things are possible.—Matt. 19:26.

"All things are possible to him that believeth." — Mark 9:23.

"Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." — Acts 1:8.

"Call unto me, and I will hear thee, and answer thee, and show thee great things and difficult which thou knowest not." — Jer. 33:8.



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GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. MARCUS M. ALEXANDER

MESA IS NUMBER 808

Five months ago Rev. Marcus Alexander became pastor of Mesa Church, Walthall County. He has already sent an EVERY FAMILY list. The Sunday School and Training Union are both making progress. On a recent Sunday an offering of \$35.50 was taken for Home and Foreign Missions.

Pastor Alexander, a student at Baptist Bible Institute, serves Mesa half-time. As there are no classes on Saturday and Monday, he is able to give much time to pastoral work.

Record readers in Walthall County are now listed as follows: CRYSTAL SPRINGS 41, DINAN 50, ENON 23, KNOXO 25, LEXIE 37, MAGEE'S CREEK 45, NEW ZION 27, SALEM 47, TYLERTOWN 169, Union 7, MESA 27.

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CLARDSDALE

The spiritual temperature at Clarksdale is rising, according to several members whom we saw on a recent visit there.

Material progress also is being made. Plans are being made for a \$110,000 building program. This includes remodeling and enlarging the auditorium to care for crowds that now overflow at almost every service and a three story educational building.

Under the direction of Miss Joyce Farmer, minister of music, a men's choir has been organized. This makes a total of five organized choirs.

Sundays March 17 and 24 Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor, welcomed 26 new members.

Riverside Association of which Clarksdale is a member now has Record readers listed as follows: Birdie 3, CLARKSDALE 145, JONESTOWN 24, LULA 31, LYON 47, Union Chapel 1, Adams Memorial Fairview 3, Renalara 1, Dublin 2, BELEN 17, CROWDER 72, DARLING 35, HOLLYWOOD 14, LAMBERT 71, MARKS 69, Sledge 2, Vance 2, Walnut 2, LOCKE STATION 19, West Marks 7, DUNDEE 12, TUNICA

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SALEM—SMITH COUNTY

Salem Church is pastorless, but hopes to secure a pastor soon. We preached for them on March 24.

Plummer Baldwin, who lives in Jackson, takes great interest in the church and led a lively song service before the preaching hour.

We were dinner guests in the Jim

Baptist Foundation Requested To Assist In Writing Wills

Recently the Mississippi Baptist Foundation has been requested in several instances to assist individuals in writing their wills. In each case the individual plans to leave all or a sizable part of their estate to Baptist Institutions and Agencies. A person who gives a tithe during his lifetime would naturally want to leave at his death a tithe, or more, of his estate for the benefit of denominational enterprises. Also, there are many good Baptists in Mississippi who have been blessed with some money and property but do not have any children or dependents. Such persons would be happier if they had the satisfaction of knowing that after their death all their possessions, large or small, would live on and be a blessing to future generations. Such contentment can come from a carefully prepared Will naming the Mississippi Baptist Foundation as executor.

Some people feel that only wealthy people and those advanced in years should write a will. This is a mistaken idea. All people who own any real or personal property should write a will and keep it up to date. Christian people should write Christian wills. The preparation of such wills is one of the services of the newly created Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

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A Reader Writes

What are we as Christians doing to suppress the evil of cursing and swearing? What kind of attitude are we taking towards it?

When we hear it do we frown on it in disgust, or do we smile with approval?

We will do well to read and apply to our time the General Order given by the Father of his Country (George Washington) to the American troops in July, 1776.

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in the American Army, is growing into fashion.

He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our Armies, if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."—Ellis J. Roberts, deacon in Watts Memorial Baptist Church.

Baldwin home and what a dinner!

Smith Co., now has Record readers listed as follows: Burnsell 1, GOODWATER 35, Homewood 9, LEAF RIVER 77, LORENA 33, MIZE 23, Oak Grove 9, POLKVILLE 30, RALEIGH 73, ROCKY HILL 12, SYLVARENA 41, TAYLORSVILLE 69, WHITE OAK 54, WILKERSON MEMORIAL 42, Sardis 2, Beaver Dame 1, SHADY GROVE 40, CLEAR CREEK 15, Rose Hill 1, FELLOWSHIP 30, PLEASANT HILL 21, Mt. Pleasant 5, TED 32, CLEAR SPRINGS 12, CARMEL 22, CONCORD 32 NEW HOME 12.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson For April 14

HOW JESUS' FRIENDS RESPONDED

Mark 1:16-20; 5:18-20; 10:46-52;

Luke 5:27-32; John 3:26-30.

I. His Call.

It comes to all classes and conditions of men. To the fisherman who sets his nets here in Coldwater River, where I live, to the fisherman who casts his net into the waters of Blue Galilee, as other fishers did in the time of our Lord, and to the occupants of the Japanese fishing boats, half the world away; to the tax-gatherer in Quitman County, Mississippi, and the tax gatherer in a Russian village; to the demon possessed in Chicago and the demon possessed in Shanghai; to all classes and conditions of men everywhere, comes the call of the Christ. And the call is two-fold: (1) Leave what you are doing. In the sense in which the command is intended, I think a man may leave what he is doing and keep on doing it. A man may be fishing or teaching or preaching, while dominated by the wrong aims and motives. A Jew may be a singer, leading a choir in artistic manner, with the aim of enhancing his own popularity as a singer and teacher of singing: the Lord may find him and bind him to His service, and leave the newborn Christian singing, but now, to the glory of the Lord. And the erstwhile Jew has left his selfish singing to follow the Lord. A preacher may have become a professional preacher for his own pleasure and profit, with himself at the center of his ministry: the Lord may find the preacher and change his motives and ultimate objectives altogether, and thus lead him to forsake what he is doing—ministering to his selfish desires—and undertake a brand new work—preaching the gospel to the glory of the Lord. (2) The positive side I have already set forth. "Follow me". He means that the called shall find in Him all aims and objectives in life, shall find in His wish the law of life.

II. His Qualifyings.

"I will make you to become". "What?" Leave that to Him! He knows what He can make you to become; though I suppose one might say that He will make each and every man to become a fisher of men, each in his own way. The blacksmith, responding to the call of Christ, will hammer hot iron and nail shoes on the feet of mules to the glory of the Lord, and sin-hardened men will be drawn godward by the Christian blacksmith's witness. A patient mother may lead a little child to the glory of God, and all the after years will sing the praises of a Hannah who gave the Lord a Samuel to bless the world. But no woman becomes a Hannah, no cheese peddler becomes a Kraft, no mover of dirt becomes a LeTourneau, except as Christ makes him to become. Get you a pencil and write you a list of the names of those whom He has made to become, and you will have a list of the names of the men and women who have made

just about every good thing in the world.

III. His Commissions.

These are various, according to the varying capacities of men. A skilled forester may own a forest in which there grows a vast variety of trees: hickory, oak, walnut, slash pine, cedar, etc. The forester will know to what purpose the wood of each tree may be best devoted, whether ax handles, packing cases, furniture. And the sassafras tree which should desire its wood to be turned into ox bows or axe handles would be equally foolish with the blackgum tree which might desire to have its wood split into fence rails. You get the idea?

But all His commissions have one point in common: They all command service to God. God made of many men staunch Christians, and that is the first and great thing. In addition to this, He years ago found a youth here in Marks in whom His eye detected such capacity for business as set him aside to accumulate wealth with which to finance the work of his Lord, and, lo! my deacon! supporter of every phase of the kingdom work, here and to the ends of the earth. He found two lads in Mississippi College years ago in whom His piercing eye saw the material of which great college presidents are made and, behold them! one at the old college where debts had to be paid and endowments had to be raised, and it was done; and the other, high up in the hills where a fine private high school and junior college must be built into a college for women with standards as lofty and accomplishments as excellent as those of any sister institution in this broad land, and that was done. Run it out at your leisure! Years ago, He saw gubernatorial timber in a Texas lad, and, behold, Pat Neff! He found an embryo friend of Christian education in a lad with business acumen, and, lo, Bernard B. Jones!

He says to one, "Stay here!", and to another, "Go yonder," and to both and all, "To the work for which I have made you with your assistance."

IV. His Consolations.

And the first always is, "Turn! Turn ye!" "Leave! Leave Ye." "Deny, deny ye." But that from which He bids you turn would blast your sight in the end, and lead you surely astray; that which He bids you leave would weight your feet that you might not run the way of wisdom; that which He bids you deny yourself would corrupt all your body did you continue to hold it close. "Get up, Bartimeus, fling your old cloak away. It will but impede your progress should you wrap yourself about in it. And next, it is come after me, and that always means the finest fellowship and the greatest strengthening. His strength is the portion always of those who follow Him. And again, it is, know that I am with you always, to distance as great as the world stretches wide and long, to sublimity high as the arching sky, to profundity deep as the love of God, to time long as eternity.

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Carthage: Recent improvements made on the church property has been the concrete driveway into the parsonage and a continuing sidewalk from the pastor's home to the church. This new walk connects the entire length of the property from one street to another.